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*Subject: Meir D. Kahane*

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TO DIRECTOR (105-207795)

NEW YORK (157-5767)

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA; IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
(PSU) NEWSPAPER EDITION OF APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST, REFLECTS  
RABBI MEIR KAHANE OF JDL TO DISCUSS "SOVIET OPPRESSION"  
AT PSU, SCHWAB AUDITORIUM, SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL THIRTY, NEXT.

PHILADELPHIA WILL COVER THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES  
AND THEN ADVISE.

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MEYER KAHANE

IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY (JDL)

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Meir D. Kahane

ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO  
HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL THIRTY NEXT, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NINE THIRTY  
AM AND TWELVE THIRTY PM, A MONTHLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST WILL BE  
HELD AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM, SEVEN NINE THREE ZERO EASTERN AVENUE  
NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON D. C. (WDC). THE FEATURED SPEAKER WILL  
BE RABBI MEYER KAHANE OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE. (JDL).

SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE BREAKFAST IS SOLD OUT AND ABOUT  
FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS ARE EXPECTED; ABOUT SIX HUNDRED  
PERSONS ARE EXPECTED FOR KAHANE'S SPEECH AFTERWARD, INCLUDING  
ABOUT ONE HUNDRED LOCAL JDL MEMBERS.

THE TEMPLE HAS RECEIVED TWO ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS FROM  
PERSONS THREATENING TO PICKET KAHANE'S SPEECH.

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WHO IS

KNOWN TO THE BUREAU.

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE PICKETS.

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SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

WFO WILL FOLLOW THROUGH SOURCES. P.

END

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 5/1/72

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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Re New York airtel, 1/13/72, concerning [REDACTED]

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FROM :

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SUBJECT: *b7C*

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Re New York airtel 4/13/72 and accompanying LHM, which reported *b1* *[REDACTED]*

Request in referenced New York airtel for information regarding an alleged condominium purchased by Jewish Defense League leader MEIR KAHANE in Israel is being reported in the KAHANE file.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR 105-207795

ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-5767

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS DASH NT DASH JDL.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY NINE, LAST.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, IRVING GOLD, CAPTIONED SUBJECT'S PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY MAY EIGHT, LAST; HOWEVER, SUBJECT FAILED TO APPEAR.

GOLD ADVISED THAT HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A CONFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY BUT IN CHECKING HIS MAIL AND MESSAGES, HE COULD NOT SEE WHERE THE SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT HIM.

MR. GOLD WAS ADVISED OF KAHANE'S TRIP TO BOSTON AND BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY NINE, LAST AT WHICH TIME HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS AND WOULD BRING THIS TO KAHANE'S ATTENTION AT A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AM, MAY ELEVEN, SEVENTY TWO.

GOLD STATED THAT AT THIS MEETING, HE WOULD OBTAIN A DETAILED ITINERARY FOR KAHANE'S STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE NYO.

UPON RECEIPT OF KAHANE'S ITINERARY, THE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795)

CLEVELAND

NEW YORK (105-5767)

FROM: BOSTON (105-18663)

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MEIR D. KAHANE, IS DASH NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES,

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Mr. Miller	
Mr. Callahan	
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ON INSTANT DATE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS  
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT  
RABBI KAHANE SPOKE BEFORE TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS  
AT BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL, ON MAY NINE LAST, URGING  
THEM TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET JEWRY.  
KAHANE TOLD THEM HE HOPED THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN  
A DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MAY TWENTYFIRST  
NEXT AND HOPED THAT THEY WOULD "CHAIN THEMSELVES TO  
THE WHITE HOUSE GATE AND GET ARRESTED." KAHANE ALSO  
STATED THAT "PEOPLE GET UPSET ABOUT VIOLENCE. I'M  
UPSET ABOUT IT TOO, BUT SOMETIMES ITS NECESSARY  
BECAUSE SOMETIMES NON VIOLENCE AT SOMEONE ELSE'S EXPENSE  
IS NOT MORAL."

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SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED KAHANE ALSO APPEARED ON TWO RADIO TALK SHOWS IN BOSTON ON MAY NINETH LAST AND PLANS TO TAPE A TELEVISION PROGRAM THIS DATE TO BE AIRED IN THE BOSTON AREA ON MAY SIXTEEN NEXT.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE HAS LEARNED THAT FOLLOWING THE TAPING OF THIS SHOW, ON THIS DATE KAHANE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS IN CLEVELAND THIS DATE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENLIST THE PARTICIPATION OF JEWISH LEADERS IN THE WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE MENTIONED IS [REDACTED]

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CLEVELAND IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND ADVISE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OF ANY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE ADVOCATES VIOLENCE.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795) (ATTN: DID)

NEW YORK (105-5767)

FROM CLEVELAND (105-14455) 3P

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES, JDL.

ON MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO, [REDACTED] ADVISED RABBI KAHANE ARRIVED CLEVELAND, OHIO, DURING MORNING HOURS, MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO. KAHANE APPEARED CLEVELAND SHERATON HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ABOUT NINE FIFTY AM AND ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS MEETING OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS BEING HELD THAT HOTEL. KAHANE NOT PERMITTED TO ADDRESS CONGRESS.

KAHANE REQUESTED JEWISH YOUTH CAUCUS OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS LISTEN TO HIM IN MEZZANINE OF HOTEL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED KAHANE RETREATED TO MEZZANINE WHERE SMALL GROUP FROM YOUTH CAUCUS LISTENED TO HIM FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF PRESS AND LOCAL TELEVISION STATION. [REDACTED] STATED KAHANE NOT WELL RECEIVED BY SMALL GROUP FROM YOUTH CAUCUS WHO LISTENED TO HIM.

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BASIS OF KAHANE'S TALK WAS TO ASK YOUTH CAUCUS TO IMPRESS UPON OLDER MEMBERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HIS VIEWPOINTS BECAUSE HE FEARED ANNIHILATION OF JEWISH PEOPLE. KAHANE INSISTED ALL JEWISH WOMEN HAVE BABIES TO KEEP PROPAGATING JEWISH PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING HIS TALK, KAHANE LEFT MEZZANINE FOR LUNCH AND ADVISED HE WOULD LEAVE CLEVELAND, OHIO, AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM, MODE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN, BECAUSE HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT "TO SEE A JUDGE."

[REDACTED] ADVISED WHEN HE ASKED KAHANE WHERE HE WOULD GO AFTER LEAVING CLEVELAND, KAHANE ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE FOR A "FORMAL DATE IN COURT."

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO STATEMENTS OF VIOLENCE WERE MADE BY KAHANE, NOR VIOLENCE MENTIONED. NO MENTION OF DEMONSTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C., MADE.

CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE BOSTON TEL, MAY TEN, LAST.

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NITEL 5-9-72 FPN

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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BOSTON

FROM NEW YORK (157-5767) 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE IS-NT-JDL

ON MAY NINE SEVENTYTWO, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFO IN PAST ADVISED THAT RABBI MEIR KAHANE IS REPORTEDLY  
TO BE IN BOSTON, MASS. ON SAME DATE TO MAKE TAPE RECORDINGS AT  
UNKNOWN RADIO STATION. NO ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE TO SOURCE.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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RE: MEIR L. KAHANE; IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JDL.

ON MAY TWELVE, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, IRVING GOLD, UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICER MADE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY OF THE SUBJECT WHO IS THE FOUNDER AND NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE MILITANT JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL):

MAY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, ATTEND ISRAEL DAY PARADE, NEW YORK CITY.

THE EVENING OF MAY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, KAHANE WILL FLY VIA UNKNOWN AIRLINE TO BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS FOR A FUND RAISING DRIVE AT THE HOUSE OF FIRST NAME UNKNOWN (FNU) [REDACTED] BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS. KAHANE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN LATER THE SAME EVENING VIA AIR TO NEW YORK CITY.

BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND THE NEW YORK OFFICE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY STATEMENTS IN WHICH HE ADVOCATES VIOLENCE.

END

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ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM NEW YORK 157-3463 2P

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, NYC, ADVISED THAT

CAPTIONED SUBJECT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY COVERING THE  
PERIOD MAY SEVENTEEN, SEVENTY TWO THROUGH MAY TWENTYEIGHT,  
SEVENTYTWO:

MAY SEVENTEEN, SEVENTYTWO-EIGHT A.M., DEPART  
ABOARD AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NUMBER UNKNOWN, FOR LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, KAHANE PLANS  
TO SPEAK AT CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES.

MAY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO-KAHANE WILL SPEAK AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA.

MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTYTWO-KAHANE WILL SPEAK AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. AFTER THE SPEECH

AT THIS INSTITUTION, KAHANE WILL DEPART FOR NEW YORK, AIRLINE  
ARRANGEMENTS NOT CONFIRMED AS YET.

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DURING HIS ENTIRE STAY IN CALIFORNIA, KAHANE  
WILL RESIDE AT THE RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

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per Parole Comm.

MR. GOLD ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS  
FOR [REDACTED] BUT STATED THAT KAHANE DESCRIBED HIM AS A  
SUPPORTER OF JDL.

GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE INDICATED THAT HE HAD  
NO FIRM PLANS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY TWENTYTWO, SEVENTY TWO. KAHANE  
DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD SPEND THE WEEKEND OF  
MAY TWENTYSIX - TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, AT THE BRUNSWICK  
HOTEL, LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW KAHANE'S ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND REPORT ANY STATEMENTS OF  
KAHANE WHICH ADVOCATE VIOLENCE OR THE USE OF FIREARMS,  
EXPLOSIVES, ETC.

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LOS ANGELES IS ALSO REQUESTED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD ENDEAVOR  
TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THE STIPEND KAHANE WILL RECEIVE FOR  
HIS APPEARANCES AT THE COLLEGES IN THE RESPECTIVE AREAS.

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JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL). IS - NT - JDL. MEIR D. KAHANE. IS - NT - JDL.

ON MAY TWENTY LAST, SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED [REDACTED]

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For the information of the Bureau and receiving Offices, the "Times Union," a daily newspaper in Rochester, New York, carried an article in the 5/9/72 issue concerning the activities of Rabbi MEIR KAHANE. The article stated that the founder and international chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League (Rabbi KAHANE) called on Rochester's Jews to march on the White House 5/19-20/72 before President NIXON leaves for Moscow in an effort to free fourteen Soviet Jewish activists sentenced to prison for draft evasion. The Rabbi, according to the article, exhorted his followers to demand to see the President and if the President would not see them, they were to "sit down and go to jail."

According to the article, KAHANE told an audience at the University of Rochester on the evening of 5/8/72 that "The time has come to bury respectability. Respectability has helped to bury Jews - so we buried it. There have to be 5,000 Jews on Pennsylvania Avenue to steal the show (from President NIXON) and we'll save the Soviet Jews."

The newspaper article observed that KAHANE received a standing ovation from the approximately 800 persons in attendance at the University's auditorium. His speech was sponsored by the Outside Speakers Committee.

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The newspaper further quoted KAHANE as stating that American Jews are becoming the scapegoats for drugs, pornography and racial problems in American life and should escape anti-Semitism by settling in Israel.

Source coverage by the Buffalo Division has failed to disclose any further information with regard to KAHANE's speech or other activities while in Rochester.

The above information is submitted to the Office of Origin for whatever action they may deem necessary.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (105-29629) 4P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS DASH NT DASH JDL.

ON INSTANT DATE, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED KAHANE, WILL ARRIVE LOS ANGELES  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE AT  
ELEVEN TWENTY FIVE A.M. INSTANT DATE.

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SOURCE FURNISHED A COPY OF THE MAY TWELVE LAST JDL NEWS  
LETTER IN WHICH IT WAS STATED THAT "MILLIONS OF MILITANTS  
WILL BE NEEDED ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY TWENTY, TO DEMONSTRATE  
IN SAN FRANCISCO TO DEMAND THAT NIXON DO SOMETHING FOR THE  
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FLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS. PLEASE COME, AS MANY AS POSSIBLE  
WILL BE NEEDED!"

NEWSLETTER ALSO CONTAINED ARTICLE BY IRVING RUBIN,  
TITLED "STAR CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS", IN WHICH HE STATES A  
VULGAR ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE THE JDL HAS BEEN MADE BY THE  
USA IN CONVENING A FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE EVERY  
ASPECT OF THE JDL. HE STATES QUESTIONING HAS BEEN RIGOROUS.  
GUY GOODWIN, BIG "MOCHER" FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. CAME ALL  
THE WAY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION  
ON THE WEST COAST JDL. WE FEEL PROUD AND HONORED THAT  
THEY WOULD SEND SUCH A MAN TO WASTE HIS TIME ON A FISHING  
EXPEDITON. THE REAL QUESTION IS, HOW LONG WILL THE  
GRAND JURY CONTINUE TO HARRASS SOLELY FOR THE SAKE OF  
HARRASSING. ONE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THIS FARCE IS RELATED  
TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.  
THE INVESTIGATION OF JDL JUST PROVES THAT JEWS ARE THE  
CHOSEN PEOPLE. CHOSEN TO BE THE SCAPEGOAT FOR EVERYONE  
ELSE'S GARBAGE. THIS INFORMATION WAS PARAPHRASED FROM  
RUBIN'S ARTICLE.

SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE  
PAST ADVISED THAT JDL WILL HOLD A DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOVIET  
CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MAY TWENTY TWO NEXT. NO FURTHER  
DETAILS AVAILABLE. DATE NOT CONFIRMED.  
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NEITHER SOURCE IS FAMILIAR WITH [REDACTED] BUT  
[REDACTED] WILL ASCERTAIN HIS IDENTITY. SOURCE  
ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES KAHANE WILL STAY WITH UNCLE OF  
JDL MEMBER WHILE IN [REDACTED] INDICES NEGATIVE ON  
[REDACTED]

SOURCE STATES THAT NO RECENT MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF  
ANY PLANNED DEMONSTRATION AT PRESIDENT NIXON'S WESTERN  
WHITEHOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTE.

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REF NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES WILL FOLLOW KAHANE'S ACTIVITIES IN LOS  
ANGELES AND KEEP BUREAU AND NEW YORK ADVISED.

SAN FRANCISCO, ASCERTAIN INFORMATION ON PLANNED JDL  
DEMONSTRATION AT SOVIET CONSULATE ON WEEKEND OF MAY TWENTY  
DASH TWENTY TWO.

SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADVISED.

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED ON  
MAY THIRTYONE, SEVENTYTWO, THAT RABBI MEIR KAHANE, HEAD OF THE  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, WAS SENTENCED MAY THIRTY, SEVENTYTWO,  
IN LOCAL COURT TO THREE YEARS ON PROBATION AFTER HE PLEADED GUILTY  
TO CHARGES OF INCITING TO RIOT, A MISDEMEANOR, IN  
CONNECTION WITH AN INCIDENT ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SEVENTY,  
OUTSIDE OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THE  
CHARGE HAD BEEN REDUCED FROM RIOTING IN RETURN FOR A CHANGE  
OF PLEA FROM NOT GUILTY TO GUILTY.

GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE CHARGE THAT KAHANE  
PLEADED GUILTY TO DOES NOT AFFECT HIS FEDERAL PROBATION.

GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE  
WOULD BE RETURNING TO ISRAEL DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE,  
SEVENTYTWO, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO THE UNITED  
STATES UNTIL MID-OCTOBER, SEVENTYTWO.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (105-29135) 4P

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL), IS DASH NT DASH JDL;  
MEIR D. KAHANE, IS DASH NT DASH JDL.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED], U.S. COAST GUARD,  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT RUSSIAN SHIP, "VLADIMIR  
KOROLENKO", DEPARTED LONG BEACH AT FIVE TWENTY A.M., MAY  
TWENTY ONE LAST, DESTINED FOR SAN FRANCISCO. WILL ARRIVE  
TWO P.M., MAY TWENTY TWO INSTANT. AUTHORITIES IN SAN  
FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN ALERTED. NO INFORMATION ON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN LONG BEACH OR SAN FRANCISCO.

[REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST, ADVISED [REDACTED]  
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AIRLINES FLIGHT TEN AT TEN THIRTY P.M., MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

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RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT KAHANE  
STATED HIS MAIN REASON FOR COMING TO LOS ANGELES WAS TO  
INVESTIGATE THE PURPOSE OF HAVING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS ON  
THE JDL.

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[REDACTED] JOSEPH COLOMBO, KNOWN TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZED  
CRIME IN NEW YORK CITY, IN GETTING BAIL MONEY FOR JDL  
MEMBERS WHO ARE ARRESTED. [REDACTED]  
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IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] APPARENTLY  
PICKED UP THE TAB FOR KAHANE'S STAY AT BEVERLY HILLCREST  
HOTEL, ONE TWO TWO FOUR SOUTH BEVERWILL DRIVE, LOS ANGELES.  
WOSKOWITZ RESIDES AT FOUR TWO FOUR THREE COUNTRY CLUB  
DRIVE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SA [REDACTED]  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION ON INSTANT DATE.

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ATFD ADVISED.

LHM ON KAHANE'S ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW.

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ATFD. LOS ANGELES FBI NOT CONDUCTING FISUR ON JDL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 5/18/72

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, TEL AVIV (105-3) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

REFERENCE: *b7C*

Tel Aviv letter, 5/1/72, and New York airtel, 1/13/72, which  
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ON JUNE NINE, SEVENTY TWO, IRVING GOLD, FEDERAL PROBATION BOARD, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT RABBI MEIR KAHANE ADVISED HIM THAT HE KAHANE, IS GOING TO TRAVEL ON JUNE TEN, SEVENTY TWO, TO INDIAN ORCHARD, PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE WILL ADDRESS A YOUTH GROUP AT A CAMP IN VICINITY OF THIS LOCALITY. KAHANE WILL RETURN TO NYC THE SAME EVENING.

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RENYTELCALL TO PHILADELPHIA, JUNE NINE, SEVENTY TWO.

US POSTAL GUIDE CONTAINS NO LISTING FOR INDIAN ORCHARD, PENNSYLVANIA, BUT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT KAHANE ADVISED GOLD THAT HE WILL RETURN TO NYC SAME EVENING, THIS COMMUNICATION BEING DIRECTED TO PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED TO CONTACT SOURCES TO VERIFY KAHANE'S PRESENCE IN ITS TERRITORY.

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# KAHANE IS WARNED ON ADVOCATING GUNS

Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, was warned in Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday to end his advocacy of use of guns by Jews or face jail on a court order to disassociate himself from the league.

The rabbi was sentenced last July 23 to a five-year suspended sentence and fined \$5,000 on his plea of guilty of conspiring to manufacture a bomb.

At that time Judge Jack B. Weinstein made the suspension of the execution of the five-year sentence conditional upon Rabbi Kahane's having nothing further to do with weapons.

According to James F. Haran, chief probation officer, the rabbi's actions "reflect a deliberate course of conduct which is totally antithetical to both the spirit and letter of the probation terms." He cited specific instances to support this view.

The rabbi, who appeared shaken by Judge Weinstein's order, charged "the Government is trying to muzzle me" and added "they won't be able to muzzle the J.D.L."

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# JEWISH CONGRESS KEEPS KAHANE OUT

Cleveland Meeting Refuses  
to Hear Head of J.D.L.

By GEORGE DUGAN

Special to The New York Times

CLEVELAND, May 11—Rabbi Meir Kahane, president of the Jewish Defense League, was barred today from the biennial meeting of the American Jewish Congress.

He was prevented from entering the ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel by officials of the Jewish Congress who said the plenary session then in progress was for delegates only. They also criticized his tactics as "abominable, slanderous and despicable."

Tight security measures allowed only badge-wearing delegates and guests to enter the room.

Rabbi Kahane made no effort to force his way in. He spoke briefly to reporters and television men and then carried on a dialogue with youth delegates in the hotel corridor.

The rabbi said he had come to Cleveland for one purpose: To tell the 500 delegates that the Jewish Congress was not doing enough for Jews in the Soviet Union nor promoting aliyah, the migration of American Jews to Israel.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the Jewish Congress, described in an interview the effort of the Jewish Defense League to gain access to the meeting as "abominable and sensational."

## 'We Don't Want Him'

"We have nothing to learn from him," Rabbi Lelyveld said. "A canvass of all the delegates has shown overwhelmingly that we don't want him to talk to us."

In a formal statement issued later, Rabbi Lelyveld said, "We disagree utterly with Rabbi Kahane's hysterical opinion that Jews in the United States face a new holocaust—and therefore must emigrate en masse to Israel if they are to survive."

"We support the idea of aliyah in its traditional perspectives," he said. "Israel is a nation to which American Jews are emigrating in increasing numbers, not because they fear catastrophe at home but because they

wish to participate in the just and right work of building the Jewish state. For these Jews, Israel is a point of attraction, a place where they will live because they wish to create a new future in Israel.

"The overwhelming majority of American Jews will remain in America because America is their home and because America also offers opportunities for freedom, for growth and for opportunity unprecedented in the history of our people. As Americans, we join in the task that every American faces as an obligation of citizenship: the task of strengthening our institutions of democracy and of extending justice and equality to all men—tasks which are entirely consistent with our Jewish heritage and which, we are confident, our nation will continue to fulfill.

"America 1972 is not Germany 1932, and any attempt to equate the two constitutes the kind of recklessness and irresponsibility that we have come to expect from Rabbi Kahane and the Jewish Defense League."

In an interview after he was barred from the meeting, Rabbi Kahane said he wanted to warn the Jewish Congress that emigration to Israel was of paramount concern to Jews in this country because of a rising anti-Semitism that might lead to a recurrence here of the Nazi persecutions of Jews in Germany 30 years ago.

A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress said the rabbi had only once before been banned from a meeting of a major Jewish organization. That occurred, he said, at a meeting in Brussels, Belgium, of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry in February, 1971.

Rabbi Kahane called the incident today "similar to Brussels." He said it was harder to gain entrance to a Jewish meeting "than to get in the White House."

## 'I Leave With Sadness'

"I leave with sadness," he declared.

Rabbi Kahane's effort to speak to the meeting occurred during a plenary session chaired by Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the organization's policy-making national governing council.

Most of the delegates sat quietly in the ballroom throughout the incident.

When it was over, Mr. Bikel read a statement that drew resounding applause. It said in part:

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MEIR KAHANE : IS-NT - JDL

MEIR D. KAHANE

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IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM P.M. OF JUNE FOURTEEN,  
SEVENTYTWO, AND ADVISED THAT HE, KAHANE, WOULD LEAVE NYC  
TONIGHT FOR GREENFIELD PARK, NEW YORK, WHERE HE WOULD VACATION  
AT THE PIONEER COUNTRY CLUB. KAHANE FURTHER TOLD GOLD THAT HE  
WOULD LEAVE GREENFIELD PARK, NY, ON JUNE NINETEEN, SEVENTYTWO,  
FOR JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE HE WOULD BOARD OLYMPIC  
AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER ZERO A - FOUR ONE ZERO LEAVING  
AT TEN P.M. KAHANE ALSO ADVISED GOLD THAT HE EXPECTED TO  
ARRIVE IN ISRAEL JUNE TWENTY, SEVENTYTWO AND WOULD NOT  
RETURN TO THE U.S. UNTIL MID OCTOBER, SEVENTYTWO.

NYO WILL COVER SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE AND ADVISE THE  
BUREAU.

END

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- Mr. A. J. Decker  
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1 - [REDACTED]  
6/15/72

TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV (105-3)  
FROM ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795) — 225

MEIR D. KAHANE

IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY-JDL

REBUCAB, MARCH TWENTY-ONE, LAST.

SUBJECT'S PROBATION OFFICER NOTIFIED NEW YORK OFFICE JUNE

FOURTEEN, LAST, SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO DEPART KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT, NEW YORK, JUNE NINETEEN, NEXT, TEN P.M., VIA OLYMPIC

AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER OA-FOUR-ONE-ZERO, ARRIVING ISRAEL JUNE TWENTY,  
NEXT, TIME NOT INDICATED.

SUBJECT WILL RETURN TO UNITED STATES MID-OCTOBER, NEXT.

1 - Special Coordination Unit (Route Through for Review)

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Subject is the National Director of the militant Jewish  
Defense League (FDL) and has been on 5-years Federal probation  
since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun-Control Act of 1968.  
We have been following subject's activities and travels because  
of his history of advocating violence and because of the interest  
in his activities expressed by high level members of the Executive  
Branch of the Government.

Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR 105-206695

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FROM NEW YORK 157-5767 2P

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MEIR D. KAHANE, IT - NT - JDL

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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Campbell	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mrs. Neenan	_____

*1cc per  
Randy Comm.*

ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, IRVING GOLD, US  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN THE LINCOLN ROOM OF THE  
BELMONT PLAZA HOTEL, NYC, ON JUNE SIXTEEN LAST. THE PURPOSE  
OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE WAS TO OFFICIALLY DENY ANY PARTICIPATION  
BY THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE JDL IN THE FIRE BOMBINGS  
OF HUROK CONCERTS, INC., AND COLUMBIA ARTISTS STUDIOS WHICH  
OCCURED IN NYC ON JANUARY TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO.  
KAHANE STATED THAT THETHREE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AND CHARGED  
WITH COMPLICITY IN THE FIRE BOMBINGS WERE 'THREE NICE JEWISH  
BOYS.' HE FURTHER STATED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE  
'ABSOLUTELY INNOCENT' OF THE CHARGES. KAHANE REPEATED HIS  
PREVIOUS STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FIRE BOMBINGS THAT THEY  
WERE 'AND ACT OF INSANTIY.'

*See Report*

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*Yes per  
Pawel Comm.*

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GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE CALLED ON ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE BAIL MONEY FOR THOSE ARRESTED AS THEY HAD DONE FOR 'THE BERRIGANS AND ANGELA DAVIS'.

KAHANE ALSO MADE AN APPEAL FOR HIS CAUSE WHEN HE STATED, 'JOIN US AND CONTACT US AND WE'LL HIT THE RUSSIANS HARDER. WE WANT TO MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR THE RUSSIANS AND BREAK THE DETENTE UNTIL ALL RUSSIAN JEWS ARE FREED, NOT MOST OF THEM.'

GOLD STATED THAT KAHANE'S STATEMENTS AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE ARE BEING STUDIED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE IN VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION.

CONTACT IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH GOLD AND THE NYO WILL AFFORD COVERAGE OF KAHANE'S EXPECTED DEPARTURE FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL ON JUNE NINETEEN NEXT.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date: 6/12/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-297795)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-26853) (P)  
SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS - NT - JDL

On 6/12/72, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE is holding a private organizational meeting of JDL members only at the New Milford Jewish Center, 435 River Rd., New Milford, NJ, on 6/14/72 at 8:30 PM.

[REDACTED] is planning on attending the meeting and Newark will follow up with an appropriate communication. Local police department advised.

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- 2 - Bureau  
2 - New York  
5 - Newark  
(1 - 105-26822)

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JUN 15 1972

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: 6/16/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-112767)  
 FROM : SAC, NEWARK (105-26827) (P)  
 SUBJECT: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
 IS-NT-JDL  
 OO: NEW YORK  
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RE: Newark airtel to Bureau, 6/2/72, captioned,  
 "MEIR D. KAHANE, IS-NT-JDL", Bufile 105-297795, NKfile 105-26853.  
 207795

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for New York two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

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Source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED]

New York was telephonically advised on 6/15/72 of the proposed meeting with the Italian American League on that date.

On 6/14/72, the following license plate numbers were secured by Special Agents of the FBI in the area of 435 River Road, New Milford, N.J. It is noted that the New Milford Jewish Center does not have its own private parking area and the license plate numbers as secured were from cars parked on streets adjacent to the center.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)  
 ① 105-297795-105-207795  
 2 - New York (157-3463) (Enc. 2)  
 5 - Newark  
 1 - 105-28088  
 1 - 105-28164  
 1 - [REDACTED]

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The plate numbers are as follows:

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LIN 189  
JGW 696  
LED 644  
PDX 818  
HVV 551  
RDA 177  
CNH 749  
VON 155  
VWT 510  
PDV 226  
JZF 620  
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BGF 458  
RZO 561  
VWT 606  
STO 265  
VGG 163  
NMA 814

**NEW YORK**

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**LEADS**

**NEW YORK**

Will determine owners of above New York registrations and conduct appropriate investigation.

**NEWARK**

**AT TRENTON:** Will determine owners of the above New Jersey registrations and conduct appropriate investigation.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Newark, New Jersey

June 16, 1972

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
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On June 12, 1972, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rabbi Meir D. Kahane is holding a private organizational meeting of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), members only, at the New Milford Jewish Center, 435 River Road, New Milford, New Jersey, on June 14, 1972, at 8:30 p.m.

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants, who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish rights". Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

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The source [REDACTED] JDL meeting that was held at New Milford, New Jersey, on June 14, 1972.

Source stated there were about thirty to forty people present at the meeting in which Rabbi Meir D. Kahane had intended to attend. Kahane did not appear due to the fact he made an appearance on a television show in the New York area.

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JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)  
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b7c [REDACTED] who the source identified as the coordinator of the New Jersey JDL, opened the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m. and introduced a person whose name the source could not remember. Source stated this unknown person was a male and claimed to be Kahane's second-in-command of the JDL. Source thinks this person's last name started with the letter "B" but was not positive.

This unknown male stated the JDL was moving from Brooklyn, New York, to downtown New York City and the new address is 144 West 27th Street. The office would be located on the ninth floor.

The unknown male advised the group there would be a meeting on June 15, 1972, with the Italian American League, Jewish Center, Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn.

Source stated they asked for everyone's telephone number and address and asked each member what special qualifications he or she had.

They also asked each person if they wanted to be a supporter or an active member of the JDL.

A \$100 a year fee was asked for and the group was advised there would be a meeting of the JDL approximately once a week and they would be called on a very short notice.

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425PM URGENT 06-19-72 GMD

TO ACTING DIRECTOR 105-207795

ATT DID

FROM NEW YORK 157-5767 IP

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

RENYTEL TO BUREAU, JUNE SEVENTEEN, SEVENTYTWO.

CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS AT OLYMPIC AIRLINES INDICATES  
THAT KAHANE CANCELLED HIS RESERVATION FOR FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR  
ONE ZERO, NEW YORK TO TEL AVIV, SCHEDULED TO DEPART JFK AIRPORT  
TEN P.M., JUNE NINETEEN, SEVENTYTWO.

*Not per  
Parade Comm.*

CONTACT WITH IRVING GOLD, SUBJECT'S PROBATION OFFICER,  
REVEALED THAT KAHANE HAS NOT CONTACTED HIM SINCE JUNE FIFTEEN,  
SEVENTYTWO.

INQUIRIES PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE  
SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE PLANS AND THE BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY  
ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 7/5/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (105-18663) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

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per Panel Comm.

Re New York teletype, 5/12/72, indicating that KAHANE visited the home of (FNU) [REDACTED] in Brookline, Mass., on 5/14/72.

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On 6/22/72, [REDACTED] advised that the individual referred to above is [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Brookline, Mass. He advised that [REDACTED]

on

Source was also unable to furnish any information concerning a fund-raising drive or meeting held at [REDACTED] home as noted above.

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2 - New York (157-5767) REC-43  
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR NR. 112

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL.

REBUCAB, JUNE FIFTEEN, SEVENTYTWO.

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110PM URGENT 05-28-72 GMD

TO ACTING DIRECTOR 105-207795

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FROM NEW YORK 157-5767 1 P

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

Rec per  
Rosen Comm.

IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, NYC, ADVISED ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPARENTLY DEPARTED U.S. JUNE TWENTYONE, SEVENTYTWO, FOR ISRAEL AND DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO THE U.S. UNTIL MID OCTOBER, SEVENTYTWO.

GOLD STATED KAHANE TOLD HIM HE WOULD DEPART U.S. ON JUNE NINETEEN, SEVENTYTWO, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ARREST OF THREE JDL MEMBERS, KAHANE DID NOT LEAVE ON SCHEDULE. GOLD HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AIRLINE OR OTHER PARTICULARS CONCERNING KAHANE'S DEPARTURE. NYO ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE.

THE BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE LEGAT, TEL AVIV, VERIFY RETURN TO ISRAEL.

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2cc Legat. Tel Aviv -  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Acting Director, FBI

DATE: 7/5/72

FROM : *201*

Legat, Tel Aviv

SUBJECT:

MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL  
BUFILE: 105-207795  
TEL AVIV FILE: 105-3 (P):

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL  
BUFILE: 62-112767  
TEL AVIV FILE: 105-1 (P)

*2cc-RAO, ISD  
1cc-Secret Service  
1cc-State*

*7-25-72  
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## ENCLOSURES:

*1/4/93*

Enclosed are 8 copies of an LHM regarding above subjects and dated as above.

## REFERENCE:

Tel Aviv cable 6/23/72, concerning MEIR D. KAHANE.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

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[REDACTED]

## SOURCE:

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- 7 - Bureau (Encl. 8) *ENCLOSURE*  
(1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)  
(2 - 105-207795) (2 - 62-112767)  
(2 - New York, 1 - 157-5769, KAHANE, Info.; 1 - JDL, Info.)  
2 - Tel Aviv  
(1 - 105-3, KAHANE)  
(1 - 105-1, JDL)

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MEIR D. KAHANE;  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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The JDL is described as a militant  
activist group, dedicated to the struggle  
for freedom, democracy and Jewish rights.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795) . DATE: 7/21/72

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (105-9441) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES -  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/17/72; and  
Bureau routing slip to Buffalo, dated 5/23/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM,  
dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed for New York is  
one copy of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Instant LHM not classified inasmuch as information  
contained therein is from public source material.

The Agent who reviewed the article referred to in  
instant LHM is SA [REDACTED]

Source coverage by the Buffalo Division has failed  
to disclose any further information with regard to the subject's  
speech or other activities while he was in Rochester, New York.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 1 - New York (157-5767) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York

July 21, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RABBI MEIR KAHANE

The "Times Union," a daily newspaper in Rochester, New York, carried an article in the May 9, 1972, issue concerning the activities of Rabbi MEIR KAHANE. The article stated that the founder and international chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League (Rabbi KAHANE) called on Rochester's Jews to march on the White House May 19-20, 1972, before President NIXON leaves for Moscow in an effort to free fourteen Soviet Jewish activists sentenced to prison for draft evasion. The Rabbi, according to the article, exhorted his followers to demand to see the President and if the President would not see them, they were to "sit down and go to jail."

According to the article, KAHANE told an audience at the University of Rochester on the evening of May 8, 1972, that "The time has come to bury respectability. Respectability has helped to bury Jews - so we buried it. There have to be 5,000 Jews on Pennsylvania Avenue to steal the show (from President NIXON) and we'll save the Soviet Jews."

The newspaper article observed that KAHANE received a standing ovation from the approximately 800 persons in attendance at the University's auditorium. His speech was sponsored by the Outside Speakers Committee.

The newspaper further quoted KAHANE as stating that American Jews are becoming the scapegoats for drugs, pornography and racial problems in American life and should escape anti-Semitism by settling in Israel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memo: *...*

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 7/24/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-5657) (P\*)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS-NT-JDL

Re Legat, Tel Aviv letter to the Bureau, 7/5/72.

Referenced communication has verified subject's presence in Israel.

NYO sources, as well as IRVING GOLD, subject's probation officer, have indicated that KAHANE will not return to the U.S. until mid-October, 1972.

In view of the above, the NYO is placing this matter in a pending inactive status, subject to reopening upon subject's return to the United States.

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1 - Mr. A. J. Decker  
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TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV  
FROM ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE (JDL).

"WASHINGTON POST-TIMES HERALD", DAILY WASHINGTON, D.C.  
NEWSPAPER, ISSUE OF AUGUST TWENTYTWO INSTANT, CONTAINED ARTICLE  
CAPTIONED "JDL CHIEF HINTS AT KIDNAPING OF SOVIETS," DATED  
JERUSALEM, AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

NEWS ARTICLE STATED "JDL MEMBERS THERE (IN UNITED STATES) WOULD  
KIDNAP SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND HOLD THEM FOR RANSOM IF THE SOVIET UNION  
DID NOT ABANDON WITHIN A MONTH ITS POLICY OF LEVYING TAXES ON  
JEWISH INTELLECTUALS GOING TO ISRAEL." THE NEWS ARTICLE CONTINUED  
BY STATING KAHANE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE (ON AUGUST TWENTYONE  
LAST) HE HAD WRITTEN LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS  
WHICH REPORTEDLY CONTAINED FOLLOWING: "I DO NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU

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TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE

WHAT AN ATTACK ON SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN THE U.S. WILL CAUSE AND HOW EASILY IT CAN BE CARRIED OUT. THE WAY TO PREVENT THIS IS QUIET AND FIRM ACTION BY THE U.S. DIRECTED AT MAKING THE SOVIET UNION CHANGE ITS POLICY.

"WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT SUCH A MAD ACT OF FANATICISM WHICH COULD, IN ONE MOMENT, RUIN EVERYTHING PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADVISER DR. KISSINGER HAVE DONE TO BRING ABOUT A MORE PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE."

IN PAST, SIMILAR RELEASES BY KAHANE EMANATING FROM ISRAEL AS WELL AS THE U.S. HAVE SIGNALLED THE COMMENCEMENT OF JDL ACTS OF TERRORISM, VIOLENCE, AND HARASSMENT AGAINST SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, THEIR FAMILIES, AND ESTABLISHMENTS.

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NEW YORK NOTIFY APPROPRIATE FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICER CONCERNING SUBJECT'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM AND THREATS CONTAINED THEREIN.

WASHINGTON FIELD, THROUGH INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OBTAIN COPY OF KAHANE'S LETTER TO SECRETARY ROGERS. RECIPIENT CONTINENTAL OFFICES IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY SECRET



**TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE**  
**RE: MEIR D. KAHANE**

**SERVICE, EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AUTHORITIES COVERING SOVIET EMBASSY, SOVIET CONSULATE, AND SOVIET  
SUMMER RESIDENCE REGARDING SUBJECT MATTER OF KAHANE'S PRESS  
CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS BY JDL MEMBERS TO KIDNAP SOVIET  
DIPLOMATS. CONSISTENT WITH THEIR SECURITY, IMMEDIATELY TARGET  
INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO OBTAIN AND PROMPTLY REPORT ANY  
INFORMATION RELATING TO JDL PLANS TO KIDNAP SOVIET PERSONNEL OR  
FAMILIES.**

**SUBMIT RESULTS IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.**

**NOTE:**

Subject is the National Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), and he has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968, investigated by Treasury Department. He has been visiting Israel for the past several months and is not scheduled to return to the U.S. until October, 1972. We have been following subject's activities and travels because of his history of fomenting violence and because of the interest in him expressed by high-level members of the Executive Branch of the Government.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795) ATTN: D I D  
FROM LOS ANGELES (105-29629) 1 P

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Mr. Bates	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Dalbey	_____
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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

ON AUGUST TWENTY THREE INSTANT A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE HELD A MEETING IN LOS ANGELES ON EVENING OF AUGUST TWENTY TWO LAST TO PLAN FOR A RELIGIOUS RETREAT TO BE HELD AT A BRANCH IN MALIBU CANYON NEAR LOS ANGELES ON WEEKEND OF AUGUST TWENTY SIX AND TWENTY SEVEN NEXT. NO MENTION MADE OF KAHANE OF HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS REGARDING KIDNAPING OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS.

SOURCE ADVISED KAHANE WILL REPORTEDLY COME TO LOS ANGELES ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT FOR A NUMBER OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE.....

RE BUREAU TEL DATED AUGUST TWENTY TWO LAST  
SOURCE IS CSLA [REDACTED]  
SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF  
RE TELETYPE. SOURCES ADVISED TO FOLLOW CLOSELY.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT NEW YORK.

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1045 AM URGENT 8-24-72 JPM

TELETYPE

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795)  
ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK (157-5767)

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

REBUTEL TO BALTIMORE, AUGUST TWENTYTWO, SEVENTYTWO.

APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS OF NYCPD; SECRET SERVICE, NYC;  
ATF, NYC; GLEN COVE PD; AND NASSAU COUNTY PD ADVISED OF STATEMENTS  
MADE BY CAPTIONED SUBJECT IN RELATION TO JDL THREATS TO KIDNAP  
SOVIET PERSONNEL.

CONTACT WITH US PROBATION, NYC, NEGATIVE AS IRVING GOLD,  
SUBJECT'S PROBATION OFFICER, IS PRESENTLY ON VACATION WITH  
EXPECTED RETURN OF AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO.  
UPON GOLD'S RETURN, HE WILL BE APPRISED OF SUBJECT'S THREATS.

ALL LOGICAL SOURCES ALERTED, AS WELL AS PERTINENT  
PERSONNEL OF THE NYO. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
TO DATE. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.  
LHM BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU.

THIS MATTER RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS  
ATTENTION.

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Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795) ATTN: D I D

SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688)

NEW YORK

FROM LOS ANGELES (105-29629) 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

ON AUGUST TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES HAVE NOT MENTIONED TRAVELING TO SAN FRANCISCO TO HARASS SOVIET DIPLOMATS. NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF KAHANE'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST.

SOURCE ADVISED KAHANE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL FLY FROM NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER SIXTEEN NEXT RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT AS REPORTED EARLIER.

ADMINISTRATIVE. REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Jenkins	_____
Mr. Marshall	_____
Mr. Miller, E	_____
Mr. Ponder	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

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6:00 PM NITEL 8/23/72 MCC

TO ACTING DIRECTOR ATTN D I D

LOS ANGELES

NEW YORK

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688) 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE. IS - NT - JDL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE, AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.

SECRET SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND LOGICAL SOURCES ALERTED  
TO THREAT AGAINST SOVIET PERSONNEL MADE BY KAHANE ON AUGUST  
TWENTYONE LAST.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO ADVISE SAN FRANCISCO OF ANY  
INTENDED TRAVEL BY LOS ANGELES MEMBER JDL TO SAN FRANCISCO  
DIVISION.

CASE RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

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TO: LEGAT, TEL AVIV  
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8/25/72

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE (JDL).

REBUTEL AND CABLEGRAM AUGUST TWENTY-THREE, LAST, AND LOS ANGELES  
NITEL AUGUST TWENTY-THREE, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN  
TO UNITED STATES FROM ISRAEL MID-OCTOBER, NEXT.

FOR INFORMATION OF TEL AVIV, A [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE  
REPORTED AUGUST TWENTY-THREE, LAST, KAHANE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ON OCTOBER SIXTEEN, NEXT, TO MAKE NUMBER  
OF SPEECHES.

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NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES, THROUGH SOURCES, COVER SUBJECT'S  
APPEARANCES AND SPEECHES WHILE IN YOUR TERRITORIES AND PROMPTLY  
SUBMIT COMMUNICATION SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION CONTAINING STATEMENTS  
IN WHICH KAHANE ADVOCATES OR SOLICITS VIOLENT ACTIONS.

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Cablegram to Tel Aviv  
Teletype to Los Angeles and New York  
Re: Meir D. Kahane

NEW YORK, AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN, REMAIN AWARE KAHANE'S LOCATION ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS UPON HIS RETURN TO UNITED STATES AND SET OUT LEADS FOR SIMILAR COVERAGE TO OFFICES IN WHOSE TERRITORIES HE IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE FUTURE APPEARANCES.

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S PUBLISHED STATEMENTS THAT JDL WOULD KIDNAP AND HOLD FOR RANSOM SOVIET DIPLOMATS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS MATTER BE AFFORDED PREFERRED SUPERVISORY AND INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION. KEEP BUREAU IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

NOTE:

Subject is the National Director of The JDL. He has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Espionage Act, 1968, investigated by Treasury Department. Kahane traveled to Israel in June, 1972, and is not scheduled to return to the United States until the middle of October, 1972. We have been following Kahane's activities and travels because of his history of fomenting violence and because of the interest in him expressed by high-level members of the Executive Branch of the Government. The 8/22/72 issue of the "Washington Post-Times Herald," datelined Jerusalem, 8/21/72, captioned "JDL Chief Hints at Kidnaping of Soviets," contains an article stating JDL members there (in the United States) would kidnap Soviet diplomats and hold them for ransom if the Soviet Union did not abandon within a month its policy of levying taxes on Jewish intellectuals going to Israel. Interested offices were previously instructed to immediately target informants and sources to obtain and promptly report any information related to JDL plans to kidnap Soviet personnel or their families in the United States.

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FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

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Mr. Bates	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Jenkins	_____
Mr. Marshall	_____
Mr. Miller, E.S.	_____
Mr. Rander	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
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Mrs. Neenan	_____

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

REBUCAB, AUGUST TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

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DETAILS OF THE ABOVE BEING PREPARED IN LHM TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
AIRTEL IN POUCH LEAVING TEL AVIV AUGUST THIRTY, NEXT.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR NR. 164

FROM: LEGAT TEL AVIV 2 P

MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

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RE TEL AVIV CABLE AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTYTWO.

DURING AFTERNOON OF AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, SUBJECT AND THREE UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF THE JDL PERSONALLY VISITED Israel UNITED STATES EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, AND INTERVIEWED BY EMBASSY USA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND POLITICAL OFFICER. SUBJECT HAD REQUESTED TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR WALWORTH BARBOUR WHO IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES ON LEAVE AND FOR THIS REASON SPOKE TO ABOVE - MENTIONED OFFICERS. (X)u

SUBJECT STATED HIS CONCERN WITH REGARD TO SOVIET EXIT TAX BEING LEVIED ON JEWISH EMIGRANTS WITH UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND NOTED HOW IN PAST SOVIETS HAVE RESPONDED TO "INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE WHEN IT WAS IN THEIR INTEREST TO DO SO." (X)u

SUBJECT ALLEGED HE HAD BEEN MISQUOTED RECENTLY RE REPORT THAT HE CALLED FOR KIDNAPPING OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS, CLAIMING THAT ALL HE HAD DONE WAS TO WARN SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS THAT THERE WERE 5 END PAGE ONE

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"SOME JEWS" WHO MIGHT TAKE SUCH MEASURES. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT WHEN HE WAS ASKED TWO YEARS AGO ABOUT JDL DAMAGING U. S. FOREIGN RELATIONS HE REPLIED THIS WAS HIS "HOPE AND INTENTION."

*(X)u*  
*USA*

SUBJECT CLAIMED SECOND - HAND KNOWLEDGE OF A JEWISH GROUP IN THE U. S. CALLED "NAKAM" (VENGEANCE) WHICH WOULD CONSIDER KIDNAPPING OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. SUBJECT DECLINED TO DESCRIBE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION OTHER THAN TO NOTE UNIDENTIFIED MALE (FURNISHING INFORMATION RE "NAKAM") SPOKE HEBREW WELL BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO SUBJECT TO BE AN ISRAELI OR AN AMERICAN.

*(X)u*

SUBJECT ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICERS ONLY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DELIVER ABOVE MESSAGE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE NAKAM.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE NEW YORK CHECK LOGICAL SOURCES FOR ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RE NAKAM.

TEL AVIV INDICES NEGATIVE RE NAKAM.

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NEWARK  
PHILADELPHIA  
SAN FRANCISCO  
WASHINGTON FIELD

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TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV

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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL).

RE TEL AVIV CAB, AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT, SEVENTY-TWO, AND BUCAB AND TELETYPE, AUGUST TWENTY-THREE, SEVENTY-TWO.

FOR INFORMATION OF DESIGNATED CONTINENTAL OFFICES, LEGAT, TEL AVIV ADVISED IN RECAB SUBJECT VISITED U.S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST, AND TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS HE WAS MIS-QUOTED RECENTLY WHEN HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED HE CALLED FOR KIDNAPING OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS. KAHANE CLAIMED ALL HE HAD DONE WAS TO WARN SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS THAT THERE WERE "SOME JEWS" WHO MIGHT TAKE SUCH MEASURES. KAHANE ALSO TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS HE POSSESSED SECOND-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF A JEWISH GROUP IN THE U.S. (X)u

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TELETYPE TO SAC, BALTIMORE  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE

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CALLED "NAKAM" (VENGEANCE), WHICH WOULD CONSIDER KIDNAPING SOVIET  
DIPLOMATS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. KAHANE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE  
MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING  
"NAKAM," EXCEPT TO SAY HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ISRAELI OR  
AMERICAN, BUT SPOKE HEBREW WELL. *22*

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FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT, TEL AVIV, BUREAU INDICES CONTAIN  
NO DATA IDENTIFIABLE WITH "NAKAM." FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF  
LEGAT, BUREAU FILES DISCLOSED THAT ON JANUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST,  
[REDACTED] REPORTED THE  
EXISTENCE OF AN ELITE GROUP WITHIN JDL NAMED "CHAYA," WHICH WAS  
ORGANIZED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING AT ANY TIME IN  
ANY TYPE OF JDL ACTIVITY. BUREAU FILES ALSO DISCLOSE THE  
EXISTENCE IN NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE OF THE COVERT OR UNDERGROUND  
UNIT OF JDL CALLED "OZ," WHICH, IN HEBREW, MEANS "STRENGTH," AND  
WHOSE MEMBERS WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTUALLY CARRYING OUT  
ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM IN BEHALF OF JDL.  
AFTER CLEARING WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS,  
LEGAT, TEL AVIV, IS INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE TO HAVE KAHANE  
CALLED TO U.S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, AND TO BE PENETRATIVELY INTERVIEWED  
BY LEGAT IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE SOURCE OF SUBJECT'S INFORMATION  
AS WELL AS PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF "NAKAM" IN THE  
U.S.

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LEGAT SHOULD IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S.

TELETYPE TO SAC, BALTIMORE  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE

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GOVERNMENT AND SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE HIS IDENTITY AS BUREAU AGENT.

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RECIPIENT CONTINENTAL OFFICES IMMEDIATELY REVIEW INDICES AND, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR SECURITY, CONTACT SOURCES AND INFORMANTS FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING EXISTENCE OF "NAKAM." SUTEL RESULTS.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, SUBJECT APPEARED ON ABC-TELEVISION AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST, FROM ISRAEL, WHERE HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY REPORTER BILL BRANIGAN AT THE JEWISH IDENTITY CENTER, TEL AVIV.

REVIEW TAPE OF TELEVISION INTERVIEW AND IDENTIFY AMERICAN JDL MEMBERS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN ISRAEL AND ATTENDING JEWISH IDENTITY CENTER.

RECIPIENT CONTINENTAL OFFICES ALSO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY SECRET SERVICE, EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES COVERING SOVIET EMBASSY, SOVIET CONSULATE, SOVIET RESIDENCE, AND SOVIET SUMMER RESIDENCE IN QUEEN ANNE COUNTY, MARYLAND, CONCERNING SUBJECT'S CLAIM THAT "NAKAM" WOULD CONSIDER KIDNAPING SOVIET DIPLOMATS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THIS MATTER MUST BE AFFORDED PREFERRED SUPERVISORY AND INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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TELETYPE TO SAC, BALTIMORE  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE

NOTE:

Subject, National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968. He traveled to Israel in June, 1972, and is not scheduled to return to the U.S. until the middle of October, 1972. We have been following Kahane's activities and travels because of his history of fomenting violence and because of the deep interest in him expressed by high-level members of the Executive Branch of Government. The 8/22/72 issue of the "Washington Post" contained an article captioned "JDL Chief Hints at Kidnaping of Soviets," which indicated that JDL members in the U.S. would kidnap and hold for ransom Soviet diplomats if the Soviet Union did not abandon, within a month, its policy of levying taxes on Jewish intellectuals who desire to travel to Israel. Designated Offices were previously instructed to immediately target their JDL informants and sources to obtain and promptly report any information relating to JDL plans to kidnap Soviets or their families in the U.S. It is believed that in order to obtain complete particulars concerning the existence in the U.S. of a group called "Nakam" which, according to Kahane, would consider kidnaping Soviet diplomats within the next two weeks, Kahane should be penetratively interviewed by Legat, Tel Aviv, at the U.S. Embassy in Israel. Legats frequently conduct such interviews in the Embassy since this is U.S. soil.

Internal Security Division of Department, Department of State, and Secret Service cognizant.



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It is noted that the investigative period is lengthy, however, the Bureau is advised on almost a daily basis of KAHANE'S activities by airtel, teletype and telephone.

KAHANE continues to divide his time between New York and Israel on a monthly basis. It is also noted that KAHANE will spend the entire summer attempting to organize and run the new JDL kibbutz in Israel which he will operate as a leadership school for young Jewish students who follow his philosophy.

Referenced communications set forth information, in form suitable for dissemination, regarding the subject and his activities which are not being set forth again in this report. For the most part, the LHM's report on subject's appearances at colleges, universities and Jewish centers as well as KAHANE'S appearances on radio and television shows.

The last date of investigative period of this report is in excess of 30 days of the date of report due to fact that case was placed in a P\* status upon subject's departure from the U.S.

The report is classified "Confidential" in order to protect confidential sources who are of continuing value and whose identities, if made known, would have an adverse effect on the national security.

Instant matter is being placed in a pending inactive status until such time as subject re-enters U.S., which is expected in mid-October, 1972.

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To Know

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The identity of [REDACTED] is unknown by the NYO. The [REDACTED] Office did not furnish the identity of this source, but characterized him as a person in a position to know.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: **Meir D. Kahane**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☒ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☒ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MEIR D. KAHANE

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Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES -  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)

Synopsis:

Subject continues to function as Director of the Jewish Defense League on both the National and International level. Residence of KAHANE in both the U.S. and Israel set forth. KAHANE's travels and speaking engagements in the U.S. set forth. Prosecutive proceedings against KAHANE on past charges relating to his JDL activities set forth. KAHANE last departed U.S. on 6/21/72 for Israel and is not expected to return to the U.S. until mid-October, 1972.

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DETAILS:

Residence

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67C KAHANE resides [REDACTED]  
at 1814 East Second Street, Brooklyn, New York, top floor  
apartment.

Employment

KAHANE continues as the international director of  
the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed  
primarily of young Jewish militants  
who consider themselves defenders of  
"Jewish rights". Demonstrations  
attempting to dramatize the Jewish  
problem in Russia and similar demon-  
strations against Arab establishments  
have often resulted in violence. Rabbi  
MEIR KAHANE, founder and national director,  
has stated publicly on many occasions that  
violence is sometimes necessary to  
accomplish the aims of the JDL.

Activities of the Subject

Newspaper articles pertaining to some of the  
activities of MEIR KAHANE are attached in the appendix  
section of this report.

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INS On December 26, 1971, Inspector E. ROSENBERGER,  
United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS),  
John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, advised  
that MEIR KAHANE arrived in New York City at 5:05 p.m. on  
December 26, 1971, from Israel, aboard an El Al flight. Upon  
his arrival, KAHANE advised immigration officials that he  
would remain for three weeks and then return to Israel to  
rejoin his family.

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KAHANE has been dividing his time on a monthly basis between the United States and Israel since September of 1971.

On January 12, 1972, Irving Gold, United States Department of Probation, New York City, who is KAHANE's probation officer and who is advised by KAHANE of any travel by him outside the metropolitan area of New York City, stated that he had been advised by KAHANE of planned travel by him to Syracuse, New York, for a speaking engagement. KAHANE further advised GOLD that he had cancelled a planned trip to Boston, Massachusetts, and had no future plans to go there.

Inquiry made at the JDL headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, determined that KAHANE planned to travel to Miami, Florida, during mid January, 1972, in order to help launch a drive by the "Jewish Political Action Committee" to defeat New York City Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY in the presidential primary in Florida.

On January 12, 1972, Probation Officer GOLD advised that KAHANE had notified him that he planned to return to Israel on January 17 or 18, 1972.

GOLD further advised that KAHANE told him that he would depart New York City, January 13, 1972, for Miami, Florida, where he would attend a private meeting with the Miami Board of Rabbis concerning the presidential primary candidacy of New York City Mayor LINDSAY.

On January 13, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that subject arrived January 13, 1972, at Miami, Florida, and was interviewed by members of the local press at Miami International Airport.

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On January 18, 1972, [REDACTED] New York City Police Department (NYCPD) advised that he had observed MEIR KAHANE depart the United States via an El Al flight bound for Israel at 10 p.m. on January 18, 1972.

The Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advised that on November 3, 1971, MEIR KAHANE delivered a speech at Senn High School, Chicago, Illinois, during which KAHANE stated that he was trying to arrange an "exchange of prisoners" with the Soviet Union. Prisoners at Attica, New York, prison would be swapped for the release of Soviet Jews. This idea was first proposed by a leader of the Attica Prison, according to KAHANE.

KAHANE further stated that he was concentrating on campus appearances where he "works on pulling young Jews out of the radical left into the thinking Jewish". He further stated that he is working with young people in Israel to remind them that they are "Jews first and Israeli's second", so they will identify with the plight of Jews everywhere, particularly the Soviet Union. KAHANE also stated that the JDL chapter in Chicago had not grown as it should because "too many Chicago Jews feel pain only when it is their own".

At the conclusion of his speech, a question and answer period followed, but KAHANE refused to answer any questions concerning his activities in New York City and his activities concerning the harrassment of Russian diplomatic personnel stationed in this country.

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On February 1, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE had patterned the JDL after the terrorist Jewish organization "Irgun". The Irgun was a group which acted against the British in order to obtain the free state of Israel. Source stated that the Irgun philosophy which also describes the tactics, is outlined in a book written by a (First Name Unknown) KATZ, and is entitled "Days of Fire".

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Source described MEIR KAHANE as being possessed with his own importance. He stated that KAHANE was a failure in all his endeavors until he founded the JDL. He stated that KAHANE thrives on the adulation of his young followers and has an insatiable need for publicity. Source has observed KAHANE when his, KAHANE's, name is in the headlines of newspapers, and during these periods, KAHANE would be ecstatic. However, when either the JDL or KAHANE were not receiving publicity, KAHANE's mood would change to somber disappointment.

Source further advised that now that Soviet Jews are being allowed to immigrate to Israel, most of the appeal of the JDL has been lost. Source stated that KAHANE realizes this, and has now set a new course for the JDL and himself. KAHANE evidenced this in a recent statement when he called upon all Jews in the United States to emigrate to Israel. He stated that the United States was fast becoming a fascist state, and the only salvation for United States Jews was Israel.

Source further advised that an unknown individual from JDL headquarters, New York City, possibly KAHANE, had been in contact with a Jewish war veterans group in Toronto, Canada. An appeal was made to this group to align itself with the JDL. However, the veterans group turned the offer down cold.

On January 28, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that the JDL is the brainchild of Rabbi MEIR KAHANE and grew out of numerous anti-Semitic incidents in the Brooklyn, New York, area. KAHANE formulated the JDL as a militant group of Jews who were willing to bear firearms to protect the rights of Jews. KAHANE was very interested in the accumulation of firearms as well as having the members of the JDL take self-defense instructions, like the study of karate.

Source stated that the internal organization of the JDL is very loose due to the fact that KAHANE acts as "the idea man" and does not bother himself with administrative details.

Source stated that due to the fact that KAHANE is not a strong administrator, many impressionable young Jewish high school students have been charmed by the charisma of

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MEIR KAHANE and firmly believe that they are fighting for a cause. KAHANE, in the past, has had trouble with a number of these youths who have committed "actions" in the name of the JDL, which have not been officially sanctioned by KAHANE and for which they were expelled from the JDL.

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On January 25, 1972, the United States Information Service, Tel Aviv, Israel, made available a tape recording of a radio program from Tel Aviv in which KAHANE was interviewed concerning his background and activities. During this interview, KAHANE spoke of his family background and childhood in New York, his early arrest, and his religious training. He discussed his law work in Washington, D.C., particularly that concerning the John Birch Society, when he endeavored research and development of sources in order to identify the financial backers of the John Birch Society.

KAHANE mentioned his first visit to Israel in 1963, where he remained for three months on a kibbutz. He discussed the beginnings of the JDL in 1968, with activity aimed at helping Jews in crime ridden areas of New York City. He commented that in his opinion, violence in itself is bad, but that sometimes it is necessary. He justified the violence aimed at Soviet diplomats in the United States with remarks that he felt such violence would publicize the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union, and would improve the spirit of Soviet Jews and would encourage moderate Jewish groups to take actions they otherwise would not have taken.

He specifically stated he would use the help and assistance of criminals if such would aid Jews. He also stated that the JDL was establishing a center in Israel as a symbol for immigration of Jews to Israel, which he viewed as the most important objective of the JDL. He said that the JDL had given Jewish youth a pride in themselves, particularly Jewish youth in the United States.

He concluded the interview with remarks concerning the future of the JDL. He stated that the situation of the Jews in the United States was so bad that it "probably will lead to a tragedy for United States Jews". He stated that he believed that "Jews must leave America now".

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On February 14, 1972, subject was observed arriving New York City from Israel, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City. IRVING GOLD, subject's probation officer, advised that KAHANE would deliver a speech at Brooklyn College, New York City, during the evening of February 15, 1972, concerning a college quota system and how it relates to Jews in New York City. GOLD further advised that KAHANE would hold a press conference on February 16, 1972, at JDL headquarters, Brooklyn, New York, concerning the need for United States Jews to emigrate to Israel; the Syrian and Soviet Jewish problems; and the harassment of JDL members by both local and federal authorities.

GOLD further advised that KAHANE expected to remain in the United States for approximately one month.

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On February 16, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE planned to deliver a speech at the Har Zion Synagogue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, February 20, 1972.

On February 23, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE failed to show up at the above mentioned synagogue on February 20, 1972. He further advised that KAHANE was scheduled to deliver a speech at the University of Pennsylvania on March 2, 1972.

Source further stated that KAHANE and the National Board of the JDL have been bickering because of KAHANE's alleged raids on the JDL legal defense fund for his own regular JDL use. [REDACTED] reportedly stated concerning KAHANE, "let him resign". JDL officials in New York have advised the source that KAHANE has pocketed all funds from his speaking engagements instead of turning them over to the JDL.

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On February 22, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE would deliver a speech at Columbia University, New York City, on February 23, 1972. Source further advised that KAHANE would lead and take part in an all night vigil in the vicinity of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, New York City, on February 27-28, 1972.

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On February 23, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that an informant of his had advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on February 11, 1972, that the national financial picture of the JDL is somewhat cloudy and is the cause of much factionalism among JDL national board members. It has been alleged that Rabbi KAHANE has utilized funds from his speaking engagements for his personal use and has made no official record of the monies he received.

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Parole Comm.

On March 2, 1972, IRVING GOLD, United States Probation Officer, advised that the following was the itinerary of the subject during his remaining stay in the United States:

March 2, 1972	speech at the University of Pennsylvania
March 3, 1972	speech at the Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 5, 1972	speech at Temple B'Nai Apraham, Beverly, Massachusetts
March 12, 1972	speech at Temple Beth El, Gary, Indiana
March 13, 1972	speech in Chicago, Illinois
March 14, 1972	speech to United ORT Convention, Houston, Texas
March 15, 1972	speech at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Also on March 15, subject will deliver speech at the University of Arizona State, Phoenix, Arizona
March 16, 1972	speech at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
March 17, 1972	speech at Temple Shaarei Porlah, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 23, 1972	KAHANE will travel to Miami, Florida, where he will engage in activities against the presidential candidacy of Mayor LINDSAY of New York City.

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GOLD further advised that KAHANE informed him that he, KAHANE, had tentative plans to appear at American University on March 6, 1972, and then possibly at the University of Maryland on March 7, 1972.

On March 6, 1972, Special Agents of the FBI observed Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, during mid morning and in the presence of the news media, appear in the vicinity of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Washington, D.C., where he conducted a press conference. KAHANE explained to the press that he was making an effort to obtain a Soviet entry visa for himself and seven others in order to conduct a fact finding mission on the condition of Soviet Jews and, thereafter, report the results of this mission to the United States Government.

KAHANE attempted to enter the Embassy, but was refused admittance.

At the conclusion of the press conference, KAHANE announced that he was en route to the United States Department of State (USDS), where he would attempt to speak with the Secretary of State concerning his proposed trip to Russia. KAHANE's attempts to talk with someone in authority at the USDS met with negative results and, thereafter, he returned to New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] learned that KAHANE is looking to step down from the JDL leadership in New York so that he can devote all his time and energies to the international organization of the JDL and the establishment of a settlement in Israel, where United States and European Jewish college students might attend for about a year.

At the proposed settlement, Jewish pride, history and culture will be taught. After the completion of the course, the students will return to their own countries where it is hoped they will instruct others in what they have been taught.

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Source further advised that KAHANE has not come to any decision as to who would assume leadership of the JDL here in the United States, but he hoped to have this resolved before he departed for Israel in late March, 1972.

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On March 8, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, leader of the JDL, spoke for approximately an hour and a half at the New Lecture Hall, American University, Washington, D.C., on March 7, 1972.

✓ The program, which was primarily a recruiting session, was co-sponsored by the greater Washington, D.C. area JDL, the American University Kennedy Political Unit, and the American University Associated Movement for Israel.

KAHANE spoke of the history and persecution of the Jews, of how the JDL started, of Jewish defense, of Jewish problems, and how only the Jews will resolve Jewish problems. KAHANE related that Jews support movements for the rights of blacks, the poor, the Irish, et cetera, which involved violence, but when it comes to violence for Jewish rights, "they" say violence is not Jewish. KAHANE also mentioned that the JDL had a campaign called "Every Jew a 22". He stated that Jews have an inherent right to commit violence and the Jews have an image of passiveness and have been persecuted for that reason. KAHANE also stated that a JDL kibbutz would be opened on the west bank of Israel during the summer of 1972 with the assistance of the Israeli Government.

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On March 17, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE had informed the leadership of the JDL that he plans to run for the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) as a member of the Harut Party when he returns to Israel on March 23, 1972.

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On March 21, 1972, [REDACTED] Alitalia Airlines, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that MEIR KAHANE had confirmed his reservation and plans to depart New York City at 6 p.m. on March 23, 1972, for Israel.

[REDACTED] further advised that subject's reservation was made by Atlas Travel Service, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised that KAHANE stated that he, KAHANE, would definitely give up the leadership of the JDL in New York City in order to head the international organization of the JDL in Israel. Source stated that KAHANE had hoped to have the exchange of leadership take place during his current stay in the United States, however, there has been such a furor about who will take the leadership of the United States JDL that he feels the change will have to be put off until the spring of 1972.

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On March 16, 1972, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised that Rabbi KAHANE was scheduled to appear at the Shaare Torah Synagogue in Pittsburgh on March 19, 1972. [REDACTED] stated that the Rabbi at that temple refused to permit KAHANE to make a speech at the synagogue and as a result KAHANE had to seek other quarters for his appearance.

[REDACTED] Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association, Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised on March 16, 1972, that the Irene Kaufman Center at Forbes and Murray Avenues is a facility operated by his organization. He stated [REDACTED] contacted by members of an unknown group regarding the rental of the center for an appearance of Rabbi KAHANE on March 19, 1972.

After agreeing to the rental, [REDACTED] advised during the early afternoon of March 19, 1972, that due to KAHANE'S illness, he would not be able to appear at the center.

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On March 20, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that he had learned that KAHANE did not appear at a scheduled speech on March 5, 1972, at Temple B'nai Abraham in Beverly, Massachusetts. Source stated that because of the heavy snow storm on that date, KAHANE'S scheduled appearance was postponed and has been rescheduled for March 26, 1972.

In addition to the above, the source mentioned that it is expected that KAHANE will put in appearances in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prior to the then upcoming Massachusetts Presidential Primary scheduled for April, 1972, during which time KAHANE is expected to oppose the candidacy of Mayor JOHN LINDSAY of New York.

On March 14, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE delivered a speech at Temple Beth El, Gary, Indiana, on March 12, 1972. Source advised that KAHANE did not openly advocate violence, but did sharply criticize certain individuals at the Black Convention which was also being held in Gary, Indiana. KAHANE specifically criticized BOBBY SEALE and LEROY JONES.

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On March 23, 1972, IRVING GOLD, United States (US) Probation Officer, New York City, advised that KAHANE had informed him that he planned to depart from the US on March 26, 1972.

On March 23, 1972, [REDACTED] El Al Airlines, New York City, advised that KAHANE had a reservation on Flight 1224, scheduled to depart March 27, 1972, at 2:00 PM, non-stop for Tel Aviv, Israel.

On March 27, 1972, KAHANE was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) boarding El Al Flight 1224 destined non-stop for Tel Aviv, Israel.

On March 27, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation, advised that KAHANE had informed him that he expected to return to the US during the last week of April, 1972.

On April 27, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that he had learned that KAHANE would return to New York City on April 30, 1972, inasmuch as he had to appear in court on May 2, 1972, concerning his alleged violation of his probation.

On May 2, 1972, THOMAS PATTISON, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised on May 2, 1972, that MEIR KAHANE appeared before Federal District Judge JACK WEINSTEIN for a hearing regarding KAHANE'S possible violation of his federal probation. Judge WEINSTEIN continued KAHANE'S probation after giving KAHANE a strong reprimand and advising him that, if he engaged in activities involving firearms or the advocacy of firearms, his federal probation might be revoked. Judge WEINSTEIN determined that KAHANE had, in fact, violated his probation on three occasions during August, 1971, when he was either associated with or spoke of firearms and the JDL's use thereof. WEINSTEIN warned KAHANE that he is not to talk about firearms, be associated with firearms or comment on the JDL's views concerning the use of firearms.

On May 2, 1972, EARL KAPLAN, US Department of Justice, Departmental Attorney, issued a subpoena [REDACTED]

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On May 4, 1972, a Special Agent of the FBI [REDACTED]

On May 8, 1972, EARL KAPLAN, US Department of Justice, Departmental Attorney, advised that [REDACTED]

On May 10, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation Department, advised that KAHANE was scheduled to appear at his office on May 8, 1972, however, failed to appear.

Mr. GOLD was advised of KAHANE'S trip to Boston and Beverly, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1972, at which time GOLD stated he was not aware that KAHANE was out of the Metropolitan area of New York on that date and that he would bring this to KAHANE'S attention at a planned meeting on May 11, 1972.

On May 10, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi KAHANE spoke before 200 students at Brookline High School, Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1972, urging them to join in the struggle for Soviet Jewry. KAHANE told them he hoped they would participate in a demonstration in Washington, DC, on May 21, 1972, and hoped that they would "chain themselves to the White House gate and get arrested". Source stated that KAHANE also said that, "People get upset about violence. I'm upset about it too, but sometimes it is necessary because sometimes non-violence at someone else's expense is not moral".

Source further advised that KAHANE also appeared on two radio talk shows in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1972, and has plans to tape a television program on May 10, 1972, which will be aired in the Boston area on May 16, 1972.

Source further stated that he learned that KAHANE planned to depart Boston for Cleveland, Ohio, in order to attend the American Jewish Congress in an attempt to enlist participation of Jewish leaders in his planned Washington demonstration.

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On May 12, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation Department, made available the following itinerary of KAHANE:

May 14, 1972 - Attend Israeli Day Parade, New York City.

The evening of May 14, 1972, KAHANE will fly to Brookline, Massachusetts, for a fund-raising drive after which he will return to New York.

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On May 11, 1972, Special Agent [REDACTED] Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that Rabbi KAHANE appeared at the Sheraton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on May 11, 1972, and attempted to address a meeting of the American Jewish Congress being held at that hotel. KAHANE was not permitted to address the Congress whereafter he requested that he be allowed to address the Jewish Youth Caucus of the Congress in the mezzanine of the hotel. KAHANE retreated to the mezzanine where a small group from the Youth Caucus listened to him for approximately 25 minutes. The gist of KAHANE'S talk was to ask members of the Youth Caucus to impress upon all the members of the American Jewish Congress his viewpoints because he feared annihilation of the Jewish people. KAHANE insisted that all Jewish women have babies to keep promulgating Jewish people. After this talk, KAHANE departed Cleveland for New York City where he "had to see a judge".

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On May 17, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE would appear at several colleges and universities in the California area during the period May 17, 1972 to May 20, 1972. Source stated that while in the State of California, KAHANE would attend two gatherings at private homes where he would appeal for donations to the JDL cause.

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On May 16, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation, New York City, advised that KAHANE submitted the following itinerary covering his travels for the period May 17 through May 28, 1972:

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May 17, 1972 - Depart New York City for Los Angeles, California, where KAHANE plans to deliver a speech at California State College, Los Angeles, California.

May 18, 1972 - Speaking engagement at the University of California at Santa Barbara, California.

May 21, 1972 - Speaking engagement at the University of California, Berkeley, California.

After this speech, KAHANE will return to New York City.

May 22 through May 25, 1972 - KAHANE will spend in New York City where he has no planned speaking engagements.

May 26 through May 28, 1972 - KAHANE will vacation at the Brunswick Hotel, Lakewood, New Jersey.

On May 9, 1972, the "Times Union", a daily newspaper in Rochester, New York, carried an article concerning Rabbi KAHANE'S call to Rochester Jews concerning the march on the White House planned for May 19-20, 1972. This demonstration is to occur prior to President NIXON'S trip to Moscow to dramatize a plea to have fourteen Soviet Jewish activists, sentenced to prison for draft evasion, freed by the intercession of the President. According to the article, KAHANE exhorted his followers to demand to see the President and if the President would not see them, they were to "sit down and go to jail".

According to the article, KAHANE told an audience at the University of Rochester on the evening of May 8, 1972, that, "The time has come to bury respectability. Respectability has helped to bury Jews so we bury it. There have to be 5,000 Jews on Pennsylvania Avenue to steal the show (from President NIXON), and we'll save the Soviet Jews".

The article further quoted KAHANE as stating that American Jews are becoming the scapegoats for drugs, pornography and racial problems in American life and that they should escape this anti-Semitism by settling in Israel.

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On May 26, 1972, [REDACTED] American Broadcasting Company (ABC), New York City, advised that the television taping of the Dick Cavett Show was delayed for an hour and a half on May 25, 1972, when Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, Leader of the JDL, and approximately ten JDL members staged a sit-in demonstration at the ABC television studio located at 202 West 58th Street, New York City, as a protest against the earlier cancellation of KAHANE'S appearance on the Dick Cavett Show that day.

[REDACTED] advised that KAHANE and the ten demonstrators were asked to leave the theater lobby and eventually did so without incident or arrest, and reassembled across the street. [REDACTED] advised that shortly thereafter Mr. JOHN GILROY, the producer of the Dick Cavett Show, received an anonymous bomb threat from an individual who said there was a bomb in the theater and then hung up. [REDACTED] advised that the caller did not use any slogans, but merely hung up after completing his message.

Members of the Bomb Squad and officers of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD), cleared the theater and conducted a search of the building without locating a bomb.

[REDACTED] further advised that KAHANE'S appearance on the Dick Cavett Show had been rescheduled for June 12, 1972, and that KAHANE had been so advised.

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On May 31, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation, New York City, advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE was sentenced on May 30, 1972 in local court, to three years probation, after he entered a plea of guilty to charges of inciting to riot, a misdemeanor, stemming from an incident which occurred on December 17, 1970, in the vicinity of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, New York City.

GOLD further advised that the charge that KAHANE pled guilty to does not affect his federal probation. GOLD also stated that KAHANE had informed him that he, KAHANE, would be returning to Israel during mid June, 1972, and that he would not return to the US until mid October, 1972.

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On June 17, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation, advised that MEIR KAHANE held a news conference at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City, on June 16, 1972. The purpose of the news conference was to officially deny any participation by the JDL in the fire bombings of Hurok Concerts, Incorporated, and Columbia Artists Studios, which occurred in New York City on January 26, 1972. KAHANE stated that the three individuals arrested jointly by federal and local authorities and charged with complicity in the fire bombings were "three nice Jewish boys". KAHANE further stated that these individuals were "absolutely innocent" of the charges.


At the press conference, KAHANE called on all Jewish organizations to raise bail money for those arrested as they had done for "the BERRIGANS and ANGELA DAVIS".

KAHANE also made an appeal for new membership for the JDL when he stated, "Join us and contact us and we'll hit the Russians harder. We want to make life miserable for the Russians and break the detente until all Russian Jews are freed, not most of them".

On June 28, 1972, IRVING GOLD, US Probation, advised that the subject departed the US for Israel on June 21, 1972, and does not plan to return to the US until mid October, 1972.

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Three club-wielding Israeli policemen struggle with a young demonstrator outside the opening ceremony of the 28th Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. Police said most of the demonstrators belonged to Israel's small New Left and Black Panther movements or to the Jewish Defense League, headed by Rabbi Meir Kahane of New York. About 30 were arrested.

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## Kahane in Jerusalem To Fight Zionist 'Gag'

By CY EGAN

Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, flew to Jerusalem today to defy an attempt to bar him from addressing the 28th Zionist Congress there on the need for an exodus of American Jews to Israel.

Kahane declared his intention to "try to speak" to members of the congress as he departed last night from Kennedy Airport on an El Al flight.

In Jerusalem, Arye Pincus, chairman of the 10-day congress, said Kahane would be barred from speaking, as he was last year.

"Rabbi Kahane apparently wants to warn that American Jews are about to be engulfed in a new holocaust," Pincus said. "We do not agree with this view. Rabbi

Kahane has not been duly elected as a delegate. We see no reason why we should put him on the program."

Kahane told reporters at Kennedy that emigration for American Jews is not a luxury, and he reiterated his frequent criticism of American politics, race relations and the U. S. position on Soviet Jews.

"There is a change of climate that bodes ill for Jews in this country," he said.

He urged the Zionist Congress to call "an emergency conference of the American Jewish community and organizations to plan a massive, organized propaganda campaign to plan for a practical aliya [mass exodus] to the land of Israel."

Kahane's departure came only a few hours after shout-

ing demonstrators in Jerusalem clashed with police outside the auditorium where the congress opened with delegates from 26 countries in attendance.

Led by Israeli Black Panthers the protesters shouted out grievances about housing, immigration and social conditions.

They distributed pamphlets which complained that because of a housing shortage, some families were being turned out of their homes so Soviet Jews coming to Israel might have places to live.

Helmeted police with shields and batons fired water cannon on the skirmishing protesters and drove them back from barricades outside the meeting hall. About 25 were arrested.

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## **Kahane Walks Out in Israel**

JERUSALEM (AP) —  
The World Zionist Congress  
voted today to bar a speech  
by Rabbi Meir Kahane, the  
leader of the Jewish De-  
fense League, and Kahane  
left the meeting vowing  
that "I will hold my own  
Congress."

No demonstrations or  
incidents occurred as Ka-  
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# RABBI KAHANE RETURNS TO BC



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by Mike Tannenbaum

On Tuesday night, February 15, Rabbi Meir Kahane—international chairman of the JDL addressed a capacity crowd in the Gold Room of the Student Union Building.

The rabbi, fatigued from his trip back from Israel, spoke on two major issues; the Brooklyn College administration, its role in establishing racist quota systems, and Aliya to the liberated areas of Eretz Israel.

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The rabbi warned the audience against the perils of quota systems and their effect on Jews. Drawing an analogy to the establishment of a quota system in Germany, Rabbi Kahane pointed out how first it began in the schools, and later expanded to jobs and politics. The problem, in the rabbi's opinion, lies largely in the attitude of the administration toward the rights of the Jewish students and in the manner Jewish students react to threats. Rabbi Kahane believes the administration will continue to trample on the Jewish rights because Jews will not riot or burn down buildings but rather will remain passive in the midst of discrimination against them authorized by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) and the college administration.

The rabbi insisted that all Jews must fight the implementation of the Affirmative Action Program and the distribution of all confidential forms while strongly condemning the author of the Affirmative Action Program, Clyde Dillard, as a man "totally insensitive to Jewish feelings." Speaking about Dillard, the rabbi added, "I didn't like it when a quota system was imposed on him in Mississippi, and I don't like it anymore when he does it to me here." Rabbi Kahane strongly criticized President John Kneller, undoubtedly remembering Kneller's past judgement of JDL members as "Jewish Nazis" and the injunction against JDL immediately after the disturbances last May without investigation.

The rabbi urged all Jews to fight quota systems and to "close down the college, paralyze the college for all those Jews yet to come." "Blacks had achieved their aims through violence," the rabbi added, "and that Jews can do the same." "Jews have a problem—they worry too much," the rabbi concluded.

Turning briefly to Forest Hills, the rabbi announced that he has "no sympathy for Forest Hills because the Jews of Forest Hills are hypocrites. They sat by quietly and allowed Crown Heights and East Flatbush to die," added the rabbi. However, Rabbi Kahane insisted that he "would still fight for them."

Rabbi Kahane stressed Aliya as the only alternative for Jews seeking to escape anti-Semitism. Sincerely believing that a holocaust is facing American Jewry, the audience was urged to "go home" on Aliya to the Jewish Homeland. Rabbi Kahane asked the audience, "Why are you Jews living in a country where you are not wanted? What have you got in common with the John Knellers, Dean Dillards, and John Lindsays?" "Come to Israel where you belong" the rabbi pleaded. The speech was concluded with the publicizing of the JDL School in Jerusalem where Jewish leaders will be molded. Courses dealing with all aspects of Judaism will be taught by prominent Israeli citizens. Information about the school can be obtained from the JDL office, 4002 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219 or from the JSU office, 0100 basement Laguardia Hall.

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# Kahane Blasts Handling Of Hofstra Nazi Incident

By BRUCE DRAKE

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League, yesterday told 800 enthusiastic Hofstra University students that the controversy over Nazi student David Kerr had been "handled abominably."

Kahane's visit to the Hempstead campus, at the invitation of the Hofstra Hillel Foundation, was regarded as high drama by many students after the furor caused by Kerr's display of swastikas on his dormitory window and the placing of pro-Nazi ads in the school paper.

Kahane's speaking engagement had been arranged before the Kerr affair erupted.

"There's only one way to handle this type of affair," Kahane said of the dispute. "It is short ... it is simple ... it is easy ... and that's the way it should have been handled."

## Suggestion Applauded

The suggestion of violence to Kerr brought applause from most of the audience.

"To those who would say that to beat David Kerr is immoral, inhuman, I say that if we had beaten the David Kerrs of the 1930s in Germany, we would not have had the death of Jews that occurred."

Kahane added that he disagreed with those who said that Kerr's right of free speech should be protected.

Security was tight at the Hofstra Playhouse, where Kahane spoke. Uniformed guards were backed by more than 20 members of the school's administrative staff.

## Swastika Removed

Guards were instructed not to allow banners in the building and made students open their coats and bags in a check for any items that might be used for a demonstration or for violence.

At the 12-story dormitory



NEWS photo by Dennis Caruso

Rochelle Druker, 21, of Baldwin, has her violin case inspected at entrance to Hofstra Playhouse.

where Kerr lives, the swastika had disappeared following a direct order by Hofstra President Clifford Lord to remove it.

Kerr's only apparent reply was a new sign, which Kahane noted, done in black tape on his 11th-floor window. It read, "Free Speech for Nazis."

Other windows were festooned with different banners in response to the Kerr incident. These included four flags with Stars of David, the French tricolor, an Italian flag, the Nas-

sau County flag, and the British union jack.

In a statement released yesterday, Lord said he had asked the Hillel Foundation to postpone the Kahane speech until "the Kerr incident had quieted," but that the organization was unable to do this.

Lord said Kerr had complied voluntarily with a request to remove the swastika, despite reports that he had been warned he would face disciplinary action if he refused.

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# JDL Members Battle Kahane Hecklers

Stick-wielding Jewish Defense League members battled with leftists who disrupted a talk by JDL founder Rabbi Meir Kahane at City College yesterday.

There were no arrests, but two persons were hurt in the brawl, which occurred at the end of Kahane's two-hour talk in the Grand Ballroom of CCNY's Finley Student Center.

Demonstrators from the Radical Zionist Alliance constantly interrupted Kahane's remarks, with shouts of "Off The Campus," "Stop Kahane," and "JDL, Go to Hell." The alliance claims Kahane indulges in "racist rhetoric" and advocates Israeli "expansionism."

Kahane, whose voice seldom fell below a shout, denounced his adversaries as "Jewish hoodlums . . . capable of rationalizing every anti-Semitic pig action." The 400-seat auditorium was filled at the height of his talk, mostly with his supporters.

At one point, Kahane started to walk toward the back of

the auditorium to confront a heckler who had declined to join him on the platform. The protestors surged forward.

They briefly scuffled with JDL members, but the large college security force in the room quickly restored order.

Most of the hecklers were ejected from the room by guards at this point, but they had trickled back in by the time Kahane finished his talk and began a question and answer period.

As it drew to a close, Kahane, surrounded by well-wishers, again made his way to the back of the room.

Several hecklers moved forward, then almost instantly by a half-dozen JDL members, carrying menacing sticks of wood as improvised clubs.

One JDL member, Jacob Feldman, later claimed that a protester had triggered the incident by pulling out a metal pipe, while another had sprayed mace in the face of a JDL member.

Punches were traded and chairs were thrown. One by-

staner wound up in the college infirmary with a bruised eye and another in the security office with a facial abrasion.

Dean of Students Bernard Sohmer said the college was not immediately contemplating and disciplinary action, but noted that the carrying of weapons was a violation of college regulations.

This was Kahane's third appearance at CCNY. His first, in December, 1970, was marked by a similar melee between supporters and hecklers. A return engagement three months later was peaceful, largely due to the presence of a massive college security force.

The Radical Zionist Alliance had announced in a leaflet its intention to disrupt yesterday's talk. Reinforcements were called in from the central JDL to protect Kahane, Feldman said.

Kahane's main topic was a call for students present to leave school temporarily to attend a JDL school in Israel. There they would be

trained in Jewish studies, becoming "Jewish Mark Rudds" who would "indoctrinate and propagate Jewish pride" on campus, he said. Rudd was a leader of campus disruptions at Columbus University in 1968.

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# **KAHANE IS WARNED ON ADVOCATING GUNS**

Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, was warned in Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday to end his advocacy of use of guns by Jews or face jail on a court order to disassociate himself from the league. According to James F. Haran, chief probation officer, the rabbi's actions "reflect a deliberate course of conduct which is totally antithetical to both the spirit and letter of the probation terms." He cited specific instances to support this.

The rabbi was sentenced last July 23 to a five-year suspended sentence and fined \$5,000 on his plea of guilty of conspiring to manufacture a bomb. The rabbi, who appeared in court yesterday, charged "the Government is trying to muzzle me" and added "they won't be able to muzzle the J.D.L."

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# Go to Israel, Kahane Asks Jews

By JEAN CRAFTON

Rabbi Meir Kahane, outspoken leader in the Jewish Defense League, called yesterday for an exodus of American Jews to Israel.

"For the American Jew, just as for any other Jew, there is only one home... one permanent safeguard—the land of Israel," Kahane told a conference of about 500 delegates at the McAlpin Hotel.

Then he instructed aides to collect \$10 apiece from each delegate to pay for setting up "an American Jewish national organ-

ization to begin the job of immediate mass returns to Israel."

Each person was instructed to take material back to his synagogue and start signing up people to move.

## Sees End of the Dream

"The American dream is coming to an end for the Jew," Kahane warned his audience of men, women, small children and youths. He told them that the crises facing the American public in general "are making the ground fertile for Jew hatred."

The Jews will ultimately bear

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the brunt of America's failure in Vietnam, he contended.

That "humiliating defeat" he said, "is going to let loose a flood of devils in this country, a flood of hatred. Fifty thousand American boys died for nothing — and I mean nothing. And someone is going to pay for it."

! Remarking on the prominence of Jews in the antiwar movements, Kahane said, "We will yet pay for our Jerry Rubins and Abbie Hoffmans. Don't underestimate the patriotism of the Amer-

ican people. They'll see Rubin and they'll see the Jew."

He reminded the audience of Hitler's talk of a "stab in the back" after Germany's defeat in the first World War. "The myth of the stab in the back is with us again," he warned.

There are those who say that "America is not Germany," Kahane went on. "That's true. And Germany was not Czarist Russia." This brought a ripple of laughter across the hall.

"American Jews have even greater reason to fear because they have precedent," Kahane said.

He reminded his listeners that

"the German Jew in 1920 lived well and much longer in Germany than we have lived in this country.... Germany was a good country to the Jewish people."

But the Jews were still exterminated, he said. "Don't believe the myth that Germans are different from any other kind of people," he admonished.

When Germany started persecuting the Jews," he said, "she had undergone a humiliating defeat just as we have. Someone has to be the scapegoat. The most logical one is the Jew."

Kahane said that in the first phase of the mass "return" to Israel, "we will take a minimum of 5,000 families."

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# JEWISH CONGRESS KEEPS KAHANE OUT

Cleveland Meeting Refuses  
to Hear Head of J.D.L.

By GEORGE DUGAN

Special to The New York Times

CLEVELAND, May 11—Rabbi Meir Kahane, president of the Jewish Defense League, was barred today from the biennial meeting of the American Jewish Congress.

He was prevented from entering the ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel by officials of the Jewish Congress who said the plenary session then in progress was for delegates only. They also criticized his tactics as "abominable, slanderous and despicable."

Tight security measures allowed only badge-wearing delegates and guests to enter the room.

Rabbi Kahane made no effort to force his way in. He spoke briefly to reporters and television men and then carried on a dialogue with youth delegates in the hotel corridor.

The rabbi said he had come to Cleveland for one purpose: To tell the 500 delegates that the Jewish Congress was not doing enough for Jews in the Soviet Union nor promoting aliyah, the migration of American Jews to Israel.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the Jewish Congress, described in an interview the effort of the Jewish Defense League to gain access to the meeting as "abominable and sensational."

"We have nothing to learn from him," Rabbi Lelyveld said. "A canvass of all the delegates has shown overwhelmingly that we don't want him to talk to us."

In a formal statement issued later, Rabbi Lelyveld said, "We disagree utterly with Rabbi Kahane's hysterical opinion that Jews in the United States face a new holocaust—and therefore must emigrate en masse to Israel if they are to survive."

"We support the idea of aliyah in its traditional perspectives," he said. "Israel is a nation to which American Jews are emigrating in increasing numbers, not because they fear catastrophe at home but because they wish to participate in the just and right work of building the Jewish state. For these Jews, Israel is a point of attraction, a place where they will live because they wish to create a new future in Israel."

"The overwhelming majority of American Jews will remain in America because America is their home and because America also offers opportunities for freedom, for growth and for opportunity unprecedented in the history of our people. As Americans, we join in the task that every American faces as an obligation of citizenship: the task of strengthening our institutions of democracy and of extending justice and equality to all men—tasks which are entirely consistent with our Jewish heritage and which, we are confident, our nation will continue to fulfill."

"America 1972 is not Germany 1932, and any attempt to equate the two constitutes the kind of recklessness and irresponsibility that we have come to expect from Rabbi Kahane and the Jewish Defense League."

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## AJC Bars Kahane From Convention

CLEVELAND (AP) — The American Jewish Congress has barred Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, from its national biennial convention here.

Theodore Bikel, presiding at the 500-delegate convention, said Rabbi Kahane was barred from addressing the convention yesterday because he "is not a member of the congress nor a delegate to the convention." He added:

"We particularly reject Mr. Kahane's slanderous accusation identifying us as persons who 'stand by and do nothing' in the face of mounting Soviet oppression against the courageous Jews of the Soviet Union. Kahane 'Exploits Issue'

"The American Jewish Congress has played a leadership role in awakening the conscience of the world to the brutal discrimination of the Soviet regime against the Jews of the USSR, long before Mr. Kahane discovered the tragic plight of Soviet Jews as something to exploit for his own purposes . . ."

Rabbi Arthur L. Lelyveld, AJC president, also criticized Kahane, saying in a statement: "We disagree utterly

with Rabbi Kahane's hysterical opinion that Jews in the U. S. face a new holocaust and therefore must emigrate en masse to Israel if they are to survive."

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By MEIR KAHANE

# A Call for Mass Emigration to Israel

JERUSALEM—I preface what I have to say with two notes of caution. One: I speak as an individual, certainly not for the state of Israel, and I speak for myself as a Jew.

Two: I do not belong, and never have belonged, to the camp of the professional, self-hating American. I love the United States and believe that it has, in the past, succeeded in building a political model of freedom and democracy that—with all its faults—has given its people and the world goodness, decency and liberty.

The first chapters are beginning to emerge in what will be the most critical Jewish issue of the next decade—the physical survival of the largest community of Jews in the world, the Jews of the United States.

We may see the downfall of the Jewish community in the United States—six million strong—and we may behold another heart-breaking repetition of the refusal 35 years ago to listen to the voices of those who saw the disaster coming, by leaders who lacked both vision and courage and who shouted down the warnings of those who possessed both.

The United States is no longer the golden land that it has been for so many decades and tomorrow looms as even less golden than today. We have allowed ourselves to be lulled into a false belief in the death of Jew-hatred in the United States. It is not true. The abatement of open hatred of the Jew has not been due to any permanent change in the reality of things but was rather the result of two phenomena, both very temporary.

The holocaust that shocked the world 25 years ago created a temporary embargo on anti-Semitism. The Jew buys the favor of the world with his bodies and in this case it was the destruction of six million Jews that made the anti-Semite a temporary pariah. Added to this was the economic boom that thrust the Good Life upon America and allowed it to wallow in automobiles, private homes, full employment and consumer luxuries previously undreamed of.

The guilt of Auschwitz is no longer there. Time and the victory of Israel in battle have forever given the hater his awaited opportunity to rid himself of this albatross. On the other hand, the days of economic boom have ended for the United States and the good life has been replaced by one that has sounds of ugliness and danger. America is a troubled land.

And on top of the racial, political, social and psychological problems, there comes the spark that could set off the powder keg. The land of the mighty dollar and the economic colossus is suddenly shaken.

For the first time in a quarter century large numbers of people face the loss of a good life they have known for so long. Such people are dangerous for they will not come to terms with poverty after having tasted the good life for decades. They will sooner turn to demagogues and racists who will promise them the good life in return

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## "What happened before can happen again."

for their liberties and at the price of the scapegoat—the Jew.

And those demagogues, haters and fascists are to be found in the United States in abundance. Forget their numbers at present. Consider rather their recent growth and their capacity to grow tremendously in an era of violence, frustration, anger, bitterness, fear and hate.

Why should Jews gamble once again? Why should we chance our lives on the Exile? Is America so different? Was Weimar Germany different? Were there not Jews in the latter who were just as sure that they had found Nirvana as there are in the United States? Were Germans an aber-

ation and did they have horns and tails? It is not evil people who become haters, just frightened ones. It is not the wicked who become fascists—of the right or left—but the angry, frustrated and tired. What happened before can happen again and indeed, is beginning to happen already. The answer—the urgent answer—is to evacuate the American Jew and bring him home. The answer is immediate mass emigration to Israel.

Today, not tomorrow, is the time to call for an emergency conference of American Jewish communities and organizations to plan a massive, organized propaganda campaign to ex-

plain the threat to the American Jewish future, and to plan for a practical, mass aliyah to the land of Israel.

Once, four decades ago, the great Zev Jabotinsky called out to his brothers: "Jews, a fire is burning! Eliminate the exile before it eliminates you." They destroyed him and, by doing so, helped to destroy those whom he sought to save. God forbid that it should happen again. The moment of truth is upon us and may we act with the courage and resolve so needed at this time.

Rabbi Meir Kahane is international chairman of the Jewish Defense League.

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**Kahane Given Riot Sentence**  
Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, was sentenced yesterday to three years on probation after he pleaded guilty to charges of inciting to riot, a misdemeanor, in connection with an incident on Dec. 17, 1970, outside the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. The charge had been reduced from rioting in return for a change of plea from not guilty to guilty.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 15, 1972

Title

Meir D. Kahane

Character

Internal Security - Nationalist  
Tendencies-Jewish Defense League

Reference

is made to New York report  
dated and captioned as above.

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TO ~~ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795)~~

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FROM NEWARK (105-26853)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC  
TENDENCY - JDL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST TWENTY NINE, LAST.

NEWARK INDICES NEGATIVE RE "NAKAM". NEWARK JDL SOURCES  
UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING EXISTENCE OF  
"NAKAM".

NEWARK WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOURCES, AND REPORT  
ANY INFORMATION THEY RECEIVE RE "NAKAM".

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (ATTN: DID)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688) 1P

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MEIR D. KAHANE. IS DASH NT DASH JDL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE, AUGUST TWENTYNINE LAST.

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SAN FRANCISCO INDICES NEGATIVE RE "NAKAM," "CHAYA," AND

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL.

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST TWO NINE, SEVEN TWO;  
AND NEW YORK AIRTEL, AUGUST TWO NINE, SEVEN TWO, CAPTIONED  
"JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE".

REFERENCED NEW YORK AIRTEL REFLECTS NEGATIVE RESULT OF  
INDICES CHECK AND CANVASS OF SOURCES RE NAKAM. UNITED STATES  
MISSION, SECRET SERVICE, SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SECTION,  
NEW YORK CITY PD AND NASSAU COUNTY PD, [REDACTED]

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO REVIEW ABC TAPES IN AN  
EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AMERICAN JDL MEMBERS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN  
ISRAEL AND ATTENDING JEWISH IDENTITY CENTER. BUREAU WILL BE  
KEPT PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date 8/30/72

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Rabbi Meir Kahane, National Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), currently in Israel, was reported on 8/22/72 as stating JDL in the United States would kidnap and hold for ransom Soviet diplomats if the Soviet Union continued to tax Jews desiring to emigrate from Russia to Israel. Kahane told United States Embassy officials in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 8/29/72 he was misquoted in the press and a group called "NAKAM" will actually carry out the kidnaping of Soviet diplomats in the United States within next two weeks. Legat, Tel Aviv, was instructed on 8/29/72, after clearing with United States Embassy officials, in his role as Embassy officer, to interview Kahane and obtain full particulars concerning "NAKAM." In attached, Legat, Tel Aviv, advised United States Embassy, Tel Aviv, agrees but desires prior approval of State. JIRU

We will discuss this matter with appropriate State officials on 8/31/72 and, with their concurrence, will instruct Legat, Tel Aviv, to proceed with interview of Kahane since we must run "NAKAM" down completely. "NAKAM" is unknown to us and our sources.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR NR. 165

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

REBUCAB , AUGUST TWENTYNINE, LAST.

OWEN ZURHELLEN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM, U. S. EMBASSY,  
TEL AVIV, WAS REQUESTED TO APPROVE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE KAHANE CALLED  
TO THE U. S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, IN ORDER THAT HE BE INTERVIEWED BY  
LEGAT, ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUCAB, SO AS TO ASCERTAIN THE  
SOURCE OF KAHANE'S INFORMATION AS WELL AS PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE  
EXISTENCE OF "NAKAN" IN THE U. S. ZURHELLEN WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT  
LEGAT INTENDED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO KAHANE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S.  
GOVERNMENT AND WOULD NOT DISCLOSE HIS IDENTITY AS BUREAU AGENT.

ZURHELLEN STATED HE AGREES WITH THE PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE. HE  
ALSO STATED THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THE EMBASSY IN THE PERSON OF MR. EDWARD  
S. WALKER, POLITICAL OFFICER WHO INTERVIEWED KAHANE WITH ADMINIS-  
TRATIVE OFFICER AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, SHOULD BE THE ONE TO MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE KAHANE CALLED INTO THE EMBASSY. IF KAHANE  
AGREES TO COME TO THE EMBASSY LEGAT, ACCORDING TO ZURHELLEN, SHOULD

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TAKE OVER THE INTERVIEW OF KAHANE FOR THE PURPOSE OUTLINED IN REBUCAB. HOWEVER ZURHELLEN REQUIRES THIS MATTER SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND THE PLAN AS OUTLINED ABOVE SHOULD HAVE THE APPROVAL OF BUREAU OF NEAR EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS. ZURHELLEN NOTED THAT IF BUREAU ADVISES LEGAT THAT AN APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SUCH AS MR. ATHERTON OR MR. STACKHOUSE CONCURS WITH THE PROPOSAL, ZURHELLEN WILL IMMEDIATELY HAVE WALKER CONTACT KAHANE.

WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE EDWARD S. WALKER WAS AGAIN QUESTIONED AS TO DETAILS OF KAHANE'S STATEMENTS REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF NAKAM AND THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL KAHANE ALLEGED TO HAVE SPOKEN TO REGARDING NAKAM. WALKER STATED THERE ARE NO DETAILS AVAILABLE REGARDING THIS MATTER OTHER THAN THOSE HE FURNISHED ON AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN TEL AVIV CABLE AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN AIRTEL AND LHM LEAVING TEL AVIV BY POUCH THIS DATE. WALKER IS OF THE OPINION THAT KAHANE EITHER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL, THE ORGANIZATION ~~"NAKAM"~~, OR REFUSES TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HE FURTHER FEELS, AS DOES ZURHELLEN, THAT KAHANE WILL NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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IN THIS REGARD IF HE AGREES TO COME TO THE EMBASSY AGAIN, BUT BOTH ZURHELLEN AND WALKER AGREE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ATTEMPT TO ELICIT THIS INFORMATION FROM KAHANE BY CALLING HIM INTO THE EMBASSY.

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF STATE DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PROPOSAL FOR LEGAT TO INTERVIEW KAHANE AT U. S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS SPECIFIED BY ZURHELLEN ABOVE. UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVAL BY STATE DEPARTMENT BUREAU REQUESTED TO CABLE IDENTITY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL GIVING APPROVAL OF THE INTERVIEW. UPON RECEIPT OF BUREAU CABLE WITH THIS APPROVAL AND IDENTITY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, ZURHELLEN WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE IMMEDIATELY MADE TO CALL IN KAHANE FOR INTERVIEW.

IT IS NOTED ZURHELLEN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL AGREEMENT AND ACCORD  
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WITH NEED FOR KAHANE TO BE BROUGHT IN FOR INTERVIEW BUT ADDED STATE  
DEPARTMENT HAS KEEN INTEREST IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF KAHANE AND FOR THIS  
REASON IS REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL IN FORM OUTLINED  
ABOVE.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795)

WFO (105-12100)

FROM BALTIMORE (105-16267) P

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MEIR D. KAHANE, INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES -  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL).

THE AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST MORNING EDITION OF "THE BALTIMORE  
SUN" PAPERS, PAGE A TWO, CONTAINED AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED "KAHANE  
ASKS U. S. HELP ON FEES." IN THE ARTICLE HE "WARNED THAT  
UNITED STATES MEMBERS (OF THE JDL) WOULD KIDNAP RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS  
AND HOLD THEM FOR RANSOM IF THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT ABANDON  
WITHIN ONE MONTH ITS POLICY OF LEVYING A FEE ON JEWISH  
INTELLECTUALS SEEKING TO COME TO ISRAEL."  
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THE JDL, FOUNDED IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, IS COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF YOUNG JEWISH MILITANTS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS DEFENDERS OF "JEWISH RIGHTS." DEMONSTRATIONS ATTEMPTING TO DRAMATIZE THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN RUSSIA AND SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ARAB ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE OFTEN RESULTED IN VIOLENCE. RABBI MEIR KAHANE, FOUNDER AND NATIONAL DIRECTOR, HAS STATED PUBLICLY ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT VIOLENCE IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE AIMS OF THE JDL.

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND SOURCES WERE ALERTED AUGUST TWENTYTHREE LAST TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT MEMBERS OF THE JDL MAY ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP SOVIET DIPLOMATS:

b7c [REDACTED] INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
DIVISION, BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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b7c [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MARYLAND  
STATE POLICE (MSP), PIKESVILLE, MARYLAND, WHO ADVISED THAT THE  
EASTERN SHORE, MARYLAND BARRACKS, MSP, WHICH COVERS THE SOVIET  
ESTATE, PIONEER POINT, MARYLAND, HAS ALSO BEEN ALERTED.

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AND [REDACTED] WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST AND ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING JDL AND  
THEIR ACTIVITIES.

b7c SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED], UNITED STATES SECRET  
SERVICE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE BALTIMORE OFFICE OF SECRET  
SERVICE COVERS THE SOVIET ESTATE, PIONEER POINT, MARYLAND.

BETWEEN AUGUST TWENTYNINE LAST AND AUGUST THIRTY LAST,  
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[REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] WERE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION RELATING  
TO THE JDL ASSOCIATED GROUPS OF "NAKAM", "CHAYA",  
OR "OZ", WITHOUT DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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RE BUREAU TELETYPES AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST AND AUGUST  
TWENTYNINE LAST. [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

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BALTIMORE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE ABOVE AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT SAME TO THE BUREAU SHOULD  
ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (105-29629) 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ELITE GROUPS WITHIN JDL KNOWN AS NAKAM, CHAYA AND OZ ARE NOT FAMILIAR TO SOURCE. SOURCE STATED JDL MEMBERS HAVE VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO RABBI KAHANE'S ANNOUNCED PLAN TO KIDNAP RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT.

SOURCE TWO, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, COULD NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ELITE GROUPS WITHIN JDL.

FILES OF FBI LOS ANGELES NEGATIVE REGARDING NAKAM, CHAYA AND OZ.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (105-102100) (P) 2P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST AND  
AUGUST TWENTYNINE LAST.

ON AUGUST TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYFOUR LAST MICHAEL  
TRETOLLA, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) SECURITY  
ADVISED THE USDS HAD NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER REFERRED TO IN  
REFERENCE TELETYPE FROM CAPTIONED SUBJECT. IF SUCH A LETTER  
IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION.

ON AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST, TRETOLLA REPORTED THAT  
CAPTIONED SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE U. S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, THAT CERTAIN PHASES OF JDL WOULD  
NOW BE HANDLED BY A NEWLY CREATED ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS MAKAM.  
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WFO INDICES NEGATIVE ON NAKAM.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE; U.S. PARK  
POLICE; USDS SECURITY; U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND EXECUTIVE  
PROTECTIVE SERVICE COGNIZANT.

WFO WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION  
RECEIVED.

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- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
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TO LEGAT TEL AVIV

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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL).

*Rel per State Dept.*

ON SEPTEMBER ONE, INSTANT, MR. HEYWOOD H. STACKHOUSE, DIRECTOR, ISRAEL AND ARAB - ISRAEL AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., GAVE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE FOR LEGAT TO INTERVIEW SUBJECT AT U. S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED BY MR. OWEN ZURHELLEN.

STACKHOUSE ADVISED HE INTENDS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE U. S. EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, CONFIRMING DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONCURRENCE ON INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BY LEGAT.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT, THE AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT, SEVENTY-TWO, EDITION OF THE "NEW YORK POST" CONTAINED A NEWS ARTICLE IN WHICH JDL ANNOUNCED THAT A SO-CALLED "UNDERGROUND" ORGANIZATION OF JEWISH MILITANTS, "NAKAM," OPERATING IN THE U. S. AND ISRAEL, WOULD SOON TAKE ACTION AGAINST SOVIET PROPERTY AND OFFICIALS UNLESS NEW RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL WERE LIFTED. JDL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS

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Cablegram to Tel Aviv  
Re: MEIR D. KAHANE

REPORTEDLY MADE BY ONE ZIPORAH BAT-SCHIMON, IDENTIFIED AS SPOKES-  
WOMAN FOR JDL. BAT-SCHIMON CLAIMED "NAKAM" HAS NO CONNECTION WITH  
JDL, JDL WILL NOT JOIN IN THE ANTICIPATED ACTION OF THIS ORGANI-  
ZATION ~~AND~~ <sup>BUT</sup> JDL SUPPORTS ANY ACTIVITY WHICH WILL HELP SOVIET JEWS.  
BUREAU INDICES CONTAIN NO DATA IDENTIFIABLE WITH ZIPORAH BAT-SCHIMON.

SUCAB RESULTS OF INTERVIEW FOLLOWED BY COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNI-  
CATION SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

NOTE:

Subject, National Director of Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on five years probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. He traveled to Israel in June, 1972, and is scheduled to return to the U. S. in October, 1972. We have been following subject's activities and travels because of his history of fomenting violence and because of the deep interest in him expressed by high-level members of the Executive Branch of Government. The 8/22/72 issue of "The Washington Post" contained an article captioned "JDL Chief Hints at Kidnaping of Soviets," which disclosed that JDL members in the U. S. would kidnap and hold for ransom Soviet diplomats if the Soviet Union did not abandon, within a month, its policy of taxing Jewish intellectuals desiring to emigrate to Israel. Kahane visited the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel, on 8/28/72, and was interviewed by Embassy officials, at which time he claimed he had been misquoted in the press regarding the kidnaping of Soviet diplomats. Kahane told Embassy officials he had second-hand knowledge of a Jewish group in the U. S. called "Nakam" (vengeance) which would consider kidnaping Soviet diplomats within the next two weeks. Kahane disclaimed further knowledge of "Nakam" and declined to identify his source of information pertaining to "Nakam." Legat, Tel Aviv, was instructed by Bureau cable 8/29/72, after clearing with appropriate Embassy officials, to arrange to have subject called to the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, and to be penetratively interviewed by Legat concerning the existence of "Nakam." in the U. S. Legat was also instructed to identify himself as a representative of the U. S. Government and not as a Bureau Agent. Legat, Tel Aviv, responded by cable 8/30/72, in which he stated that Mr. Owen Zurhellen, Charge D'Affaires Ad Interim,

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U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, agreed in principle with our proposal to interview Kahane but he desired that this matter be coordinated with State Department, Washington, D. C., in order to be approved by the Bureau of Near East and African Affairs. On 8/31/72, SA [REDACTED] conferred with Mr. Heywood H. Stackhouse, Country Officer - Israel, Department of State, and explained the Bureau's desire to have Kahane interviewed by Legat, Tel Aviv, in order to elicit complete particulars regarding the existence of "Nakam" in the U. S. On 9/1/72, Mr. Stackhouse telephoned SA [REDACTED] and advised that Department of State concurs with the Bureau's request outlined above. He stated he would dispatch a communication to the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, outlining State Department's concurrence.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM PHILADELPHIA (105-18527)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - JDL

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REBUREAU TEL AUGUST TWENTY NINE NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAS NEVER HEARD OF JEWISH GROUP IN  
U.S. CALLED "NAKAM". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MENTIONED ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY,  
DATE UNKNOWN, IN NEW YORK POST INDICATING POST HAD RECEIVED  
LETTER FROM A JEWISH GUERRILLA GROUP, NAME NOT FURNISHED, WHICH  
SPOKE OF POSSIBLE MILITANT OF VIOLENT ACTION AND STATED NOT  
AFFILIATED WITH JDL. SOURCE [REDACTED] OF IMPRESSION  
THAT THE ONLY MILITANT JEWISH GROUP IN U.S. IN PAST TWENTY YEARS  
IS JDL, THAT JDL HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ANT VIOLENT ACTS AND  
THAT THE PURPORTED GROUP CORRESPONDING WITH NEW YORK POST WAS  
PROBABLY SMOKESCREEN FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTS BY JDL. SOURCE  
OF OPINION THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDUCTIONS ANY MILITANT JEWISH  
PERSONS OR GROUPS WOULD NATURALLY GRAB TO JDL. NOTE THAT  
ABOVE COMMENTS REPRESENT PERSONAL OPINION OF SOURCE, NOT BASED ON  
ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION. PHILADELPHIA INDIES NEGATIVE ON

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FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA: IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

RE TEL AVIV CABLE SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST.

EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ADVISED LETTER TO SUBJECT DELIVERED TO  
SUBJECT'S WIFE SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST, WHO STATED SHE WOULD GIVE THE  
LETTER TO SUBJECT. AS OF THREE FORTY PM TEL AVIV TIME,  
SEPTEMBER SIX, INSTANT, SUBJECT HAS NOT CONTACTED THE EMBASSY.

LEGAT FOLLOWING AND WILL ADVISE.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR NR 166

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA: IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

RE BUCAB SEPTEMBER ONE, LAST.

U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LATTER'S CONCURRENCE IN INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BY LEGAT.

EMBASSY PREPARING A LETTER TO SUBJECT TO BE SENT TO HIM AT JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, ADDRESS BY MESSENGER IN PERSON OF LOCAL EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, REQUESTING SUBJECT TO CONTACT EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER FOR PURPOSE OF ARRANGING MEETING. LETTER TO SUBJECT STATES EMBASSY REQUESTS TO FURTHER DISCUSS WITH SUBJECT POINTS BROUGHT UP BY LATTER AT AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, LAST MEETING.

IF SUBJECT RESPONDS FAVORABLY, POLITICAL OFFICER WILL INTRODUCE SUBJECT TO LEGAT AND ASSISTANT LEGAT AS "REPRESENTATIVES OF U. S. GOVERNMENT."

POLITICAL OFFICER, MR. EDWARD WALKER AND ASSISTANT LEGAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW WITH LEGAT, UACB.

RESULTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED BUREAU.

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TO: Acting Director, FBI (105-207795)

FROM: Legat, Tel Aviv (105-3) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

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ENCLOSURES:

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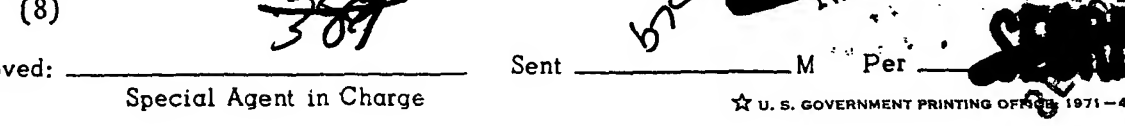
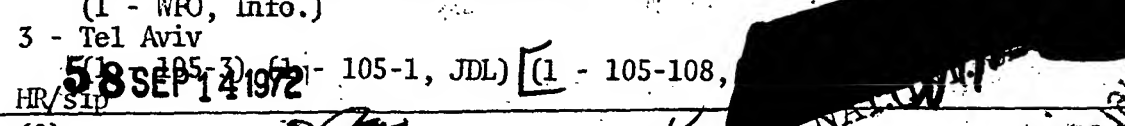
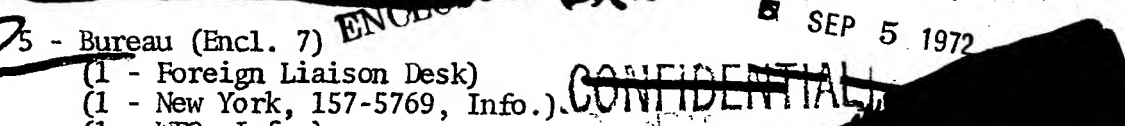
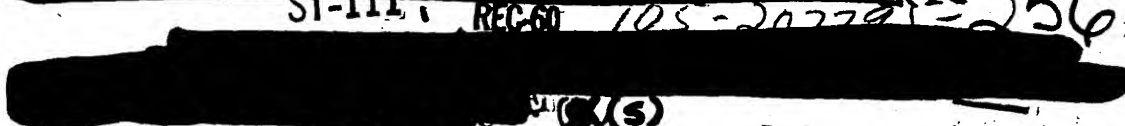
REFERENCES:

Tel Aviv airtel 8/29/72, Tel Aviv cable 8/30/72 and Bureau cable 8/29/72.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Embassy Officer mentioned in the enclosure is Mr. EDWARD WALKER, Political Section.

Mr. WALKER advised on 8/31/72, that he was experiencing difficulty in locating the subject for the purpose of inviting him to the Embassy when the approval to do so is received from Washington, D. C.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. WALKER furnished the information in the enclosure following a meeting between J. OWEN ZURHELLEN, JR., Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim, Mr. WALKER and the Assistant Legal Attache on 8/30/72.

OWEN ZURHELLEN

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[SOURCE: ]

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Will await instructions from the Bureau as to any positive steps to be taken toward interviewing subject. 4

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Washington, D. C.  
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On August 28, 1972, an officer of the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel, participated in an interview with the subject, during which time subject claimed knowledge of an organization in the United States known as "Nakam." Subject, at that time, described this organization as a Jewish group and stated that someone had come to him in the past week advising of this group, alleging that the group would take up the "matter of kidnapping" Soviet diplomats within the next two weeks. (X)u

On August 31, 1972, the above officer furnished the following additional comments regarding this interview for the purpose of providing a complete list of details involving the allegation as to the existence of the organization, "Nakam," as well as to give his personal impressions concerning the validity of subject's statements: (X)u

"1. Though Rabbi Kahane disassociated himself from the extremist Jewish group he called 'Nakam,' he also spoke of the inevitable process of radicals splitting off from his own less extreme organization. If indeed 'Nakam' exists, I assumed that it was made up of former Jewish Defense League (JDL) members. (X)u

"2. Rabbi Kahane's remarks to us were very similar to those he had earlier made at a press conference and seemed to be carefully rehearsed. He seemed reluctant to depart from his presumably prepared statement and at one point noted that he would not describe the individual who allegedly approached him regarding 'Nakam. (X)u

"3. Kahane was careful to cut off possible questions about this individual. Kahane pointed out that the emissary did not divulge his name and was unknown to Kahane. Furthermore, in the course of their meeting, the emissary had said Kahane would never see him again and would be unable to contact him. In response to my questions, Kahane disclaimed any prior knowledge of 'Nakam' and could provide no details about it. (X)u

"4. The Rabbi was at pains to point out that the emissary spoke good Hebrew. I assumed from this stress that the individual (X)u

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MEIR D. KAHANE

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was not Israeli since then there would be little point in stressing his linguistic ability. When I asked if he appeared to be American, Kahane hesitated and then answered no. (X)u

"5. Kahane implied that only one or two individuals were involved in the recent threat to kidnap or shoot a Soviet diplomat. He further implied that the emissary he had talked to would be involved in the attempt. I do not discount the possibility that 'Nakam' and its emissary are Kahane creations to give the appearance of credibility to the warning he said he had given to the Secretary of State. (X)u

"6. Kahane was accompanied by three young men in their twenties. One was a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union and two appeared to be Israelis. One of the three was dressed in a blue work shirt with a JDL patch on his sleeve. The three said nothing in the course of the Rabbi's statement. (X)u

"7. I did not press Kahane for further details since I formed the definite impression that he would take refuge in his claims of ignorance regarding the individual and the organization. (X)u

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The JDL is described as a militant activist group, dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

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TO: Acting Director, FBI (105-207795)

FROM: *TMB* Legat, Tel Aviv (105-3) (P)SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDLClassified by *9103 RDD/kmy*  
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*Per release #261,303*ENCLOSURES:

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REFERENCE:

Tel Aviv cable, 8/28/72.

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*261,303*ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Embassy Officers mentioned in the enclosure are MUNRO P. JONES, Administrative Officer, and EDWARD WALKER, Political Officer. Apart from news articles, Mr. WALKER furnished the information in the enclosure to this office.

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- 5 - Bureau (Encl. 7) *ENCLOSURE*  
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 3 - Tel Aviv (1 - 105-3)  
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Washington, D. C.

August 29, 1972

MEIR D. KAHANE

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An unidentified male, stating he was calling on behalf of Rabbi Kahane, telephoned the United States Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel, on August 25, 1972, stating that Kahane wanted to see the Ambassador at 3:00 PM, August 28, 1972, and had "important information about a dangerous matter." The caller was told the Ambassador was out of the country; Kahane would be received by an officer appropriate to his business if he would state his business, and if the caller had "important information about a dangerous matter" he should give it to the Embassy without delay, not waiting for a call three days later. The caller stated only that Kahane would appear at 3:00 PM, August 28, 1972, and that he assumed the Embassy would have an appropriate officer on hand.

On the morning of August 28, 1972, the caller again phoned to confirm that Kahane would be at the Embassy at 3:00 PM and asked who would see him. Since he would not state the purpose of the visit, he was not told which officer would handle the matter.

At 3:00 PM, August 28, 1972, Kahane appeared at the Embassy, accompanied by three unidentified members of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and spoke to the Embassy Administrative Officer and a Political Officer, about the exit tax Soviets are levying on Jewish emigrants with university educations. Mr. Kahane said that some Jews feared that the Soviet move was the prelude to show trials and the restoration of Stalinist persecution of the Jews. He added that the JDL had been quiet on the question of Soviet Jews in the past year or so because Jews had been getting out, and "modus vivendi" had been established. Now, Kahane claimed, the Soviets have upset the arrangement. He said that the Soviets had in the past responded to international pressure when it was in their interest to do so. He added that he believed the United States Government had been largely responsible for the large number of Jews who had in the past two years been allowed to leave the U.S.S.R. Both the United States and the U.S.S.R. have a major interest in "coexistence" and the Soviets are particularly interested in United States trade, he claimed. Kahane said that the United States-U.S.S.R. relationship was more important to the Soviets than the Soviet Jews.

1/6/93 9803 RAO/Barry per release # 261,303

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MEIR D. KAHANE

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Kahane said that he had been misquoted recently when it was reported that he called for the kidnapping of Soviet diplomats. What he had done was to warn United States Secretary of State William Rogers that there were some Jews who might take recourse in such extreme measures. He said that he did not advocate such action, but pointed out that the Jewish Defense League had in the past used violent protest against Soviet diplomats with the specific aim of upsetting relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. Kahane said that two years ago when former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Charles Yost, had told him his organization was damaging United States foreign relations, Kahane had replied that this was his hope and intention.

Kahane said that in an organization like the JDL there are always splinter groups which may be more radical. It was his concern with this possibility that had prompted him to warn the Secretary. There is always some "nut," he said, who is ready to kidnap a diplomat or take a shot at him. Kahane claimed that someone had come to him in the past week and said that there was a Jewish group in the United States called "Nakam" (vengeance) which would take up this "matter of kidnapping" Soviet diplomats within the next two weeks. Kahane said he had never heard of this group and that he did not know the man who came to him and could not contact him. Kahane said that the man spoke good Hebrew, but did not appear Israeli or American. Kahane declined to describe him and said "I hope he does not do it and if he does, I hope he does not get caught." Kahane said that he did not think the man was a crackpot or a crank.

Kahane concluded by expressing the hope that the United States Government would take action to convince the Soviets that it is in their interests to let Soviet Jews go so that some "nut" would not act against a Soviet diplomat. He added that we live in an age where a "nut" can change the course of history.

Kahane sought no statements from the Embassy Officers and said that the sole purpose of his visit was to deliver the above message.

"Haaretz," a daily Hebrew-language newspaper printed in Israel, contained an article in its August 25, 1972, edition captioned "Ja'Abari Considering General Strike in Hebron." Hebron is a city in Israeli occupied territory. This article notes that Mayor Ja'Abari

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of Hebron is considering the possibility of calling a general strike in Hebron as a protest against JDL demands to return the property of Jews killed or expelled in the 1948 riots. The Israeli military administration has assured Sheikh Ja'Abari formally that he has nothing to fear from the JDL.

The August 29, 1972 issue of "~~The Jerusalem Post~~," an English-language newspaper, published in ~~Israel~~, contained the following article captioned "Kahane Says Rights were 'Denied'":

"Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League, yesterday applied to the High Court of Justice for an order nisi calling on the Defense Minister and the Military Governor of Judea and Samaria to show cause why he should not be allowed to 'tour' the old Jewish quarter of Hebron.

"In the application, submitted by the J.D.L. lawyer, Mr. M. Schechter, Rabbi Kahane stated that his organization is dedicated to the idea of 'fostering love of country and people among the youth, and encouraging settlement within the historic, promised boundaries of Eretz-Yisrael.'

"~~Rabbi Kahane claimed that the Military Governor, (Tat) Aluf Rafael Vardi, had on Sunday refused him permission to lead a group of J.D.L. members on a tour of the quarter. He claimed that the Military Governor's refusal constituted a denial of his rights since other citizens of Israel were not required to apply for permission to visit the quarter.~~

"(On Sunday, J.D.L. members, led by Rabbi Kahane, managed to enter Hebron despite orders to have them kept out, but were dispersed before they could deliver a memorandum to ~~Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'Abari~~ on his role in the massacre of the town's Jews in 1929 and of the defenders of the Etzion Bloc in 1948.)

"~~Justice Moshe Etzioni~~ is expected to decide today whether to issue the order nisi or bring the application before a three-man panel after the end of the summer recess on Friday."

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The August 29, 1972, issue of "The Jerusalem Post," also contained an editorial captioned "Violence Undivided," which is as follows:

"Violence is undivided, like peace, Rabbi Meir Kahane's career has included strong-arm tactics at one remove at (sic) almost every stage. He had sympathizers and admirers when he organized security patrols for Jewish schoolboys unable to get to their homes in racially mixed sections of New York without being molested and harassed. There was less sympathy when his Jewish Defense League was accustomed to claim, in their turn, that they had molested and harassed Soviet diplomats and their families in New York.

"There has been precious little sympathy for the activities of JDL hooligans here, when they interfered with demonstrations of which they did not approve. Recently there has been widespread anger at the attempt to harass and provoke Sheikh Ja'Abari, Mayor of Hebron. As the man conspicuous for his courage in speaking out for Arab-Jewish co-existence, the independent-minded Sheikh will not have been frightened by the Rabbi, but there is reason to fear that one Kahane could undo much of the peace-making work of the past five years.

"Yesterday, Rabbi Kahane told the foreign press about a group of plans to kidnap Soviet diplomats in New York, 'to force the U.S.S.R. to revoke their ransom demands for Soviet Jews.' The margin between knowing those responsible, 'condoning' their plans and acting as their spokesman, and being responsible for their actions is dangerously narrow. Violence is indivisible, and random violence is a crime against justified political protest. Rabbi Kahane, who has only very recently come to live in Israel, gravely underestimates Israel's desire for peaceful negotiations at all levels."

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TO: LEGAT, TEL AVIV

9/8/72

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE (JDL).

REBUCAB SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO.

FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE OF LEGAT IN CONTEMPLATED INTERVIEW  
OF SUBJECT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [REDACTED] ADVISED  
SEPTEMBER SEVEN, LAST, SUBJECT IS NOW REFERRED TO AS INTERNATIONAL  
DIRECTOR OF JDL.

SAME SOURCE STATED BERTRAM ZWEIBON, JDL ATTORNEY AND SUBJECT'S  
"RIGHT-HAND MAN," WAS RECENTLY DESIGNATED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF JDL.

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NOTE:

We have been closely following subject's activities  
and travel. He is currently in Israel. Legat has been previously  
instructed, with State Department concurrence, to interview him  
at the U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, in order to elicit information  
relating to an organization in the United States called "NAKAM,"  
which subject stated in a press conference on 8/21/72 in Israel,  
planned to kidnap Soviet personnel in the United States and hold  
them for ransom "within the next two weeks."

Legat, Tel Aviv, should be aware of subject's new  
title in preparation for the interview.

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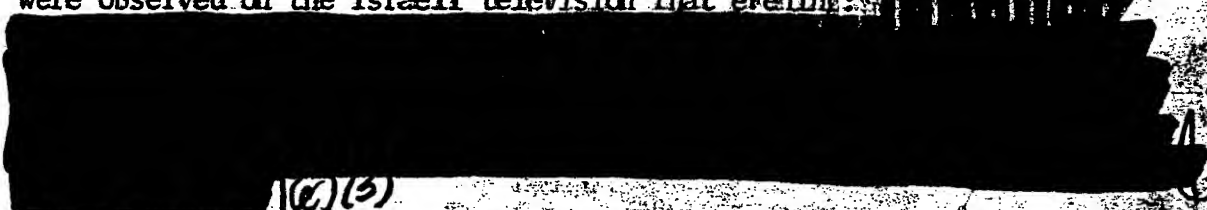
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REFERENCE:

Tel Aviv cable to Bureau, 8/27/72.

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Highlights of Kahane's visit to Hebron on August 27, 1972, were observed on the Israeli television that evening.

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The August 28, 1972, edition of "The Jerusalem Post," an English language newspaper published in Jerusalem, Israel, contained an article captioned "Dayan Assures Hebron Against J.D.L. Activity," an article dealing with a Jewish Defense League (JDL) demonstration in Hebron on August 27, 1972. This article is as follows:

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"Defense Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday reassured the Arab population here that the Israel authorities were determined to cope with local activity by the Jewish Defense League.

"Earlier in the day, J.D.L. members had demonstrated here in favor of what they termed 'the repatriation of Jews to Hebron' and had demanded an inquiry into the role of Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'Abari in the 1929 and the 1948 riots against the Jews here and in the nearby Etzion bloc."  
JORDAN  
Hebron,

"Calling the JDL activity 'shameful,' Mr. Dayan stressed that it was not the concern of JDL chairman Rabbi Meir Kahane 'or anybody else to deal with such issue. If they have any problem, the address is the Government of Israel.'

"The Defense Minister emphasized that the authorities were satisfied with their relations with Mayor Sheikh Ja'Abari, saying that 'we have no complaints against him.'

"Mr. Dayan spoke to reporters shortly after visiting Sheikh Ja'Abari at his country home on the northern outskirts of this town. The Defense Minister and the West Bank Military Governor, T/A Rafael Vardi, headed a number of high-ranking officials who called on Sheikh Ja'Abari, the uncontested leader of this district."  
ISRAEL

"Dispersed Quietly  
JORDAN

"The calls on Mayor Ja'Abari were paid amid the presence in town of a security reinforcement, which had earlier in the morning quietly dispersed a JDL assembly outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs where T/A Vardi had warned that the authorities would not tolerate any public disturbances.

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"Some 60 JDL members, headed by Rabbi Meir Kahane, had assembled in the center of Hebron after managing to enter the town despite precautions which included roadblocks on the main roads to Hebron.

"Prior to their dispersal JDL attempts to submit a memorandum to Sheikh Ja'Abari were prevented by the security forces which cordoned off the mayor's home and the town hall. The JDL memo, addressed to 'the honorable Sheikh Ja'Abari, mayor of Hebron, city of Patriarchs,' said that 'we are here to discuss the repatriation of the former Jewish residents of the Jewish City of Hebron, whose Jewishness dates back to Abraham, our father.'

"The memo said, 'we are also interested in receiving your reply to the ugly rumors concerning your personal participation in the Hebron riots of 1929 in which scores of Jews were massacred, as well as the part you played in the slaughter at Gush Etzion in 1948.'

"During the morning, the atmosphere in Hebron was tense, heightened by the presence of the security forces and the flow of Hebronites who flocked to the town hall to voice their support for Ja'Abari and 'sacrifice' themselves for his personal safety.

"Mayor Calm

"The Sheikh himself was very calm throughout the morning, but towards noon he expressed his annoyance over the whole issue, especially when Rabbi Kahane declared before leaving the town center that the JDL would hold a 'public trial' of Ja'Abari in Jerusalem next month.

"'I am ready to attend such a trial,' Ja'Abari reacted angrily - adding 'however, I shall be the prosecutor.'

"The Sheikh said he had begun to wonder whether there was any use in his 'preaching Jewish-Arab coexistence.' He complained that a Jewish group was challenging him 'at a time when the Arab governments attack me every day for my coexistence call.' At one stage he turned towards the elderly Hebronites around him and said, 'I do not care if neither side is satisfied. As long as I believe that I am satisfying God I care for nobody.'

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"While in his office, Sheikh Ja'Abari received frequent phone calls from municipal officials who were reporting to him on the situation in town. When one official said that some shopkeepers had closed down their premises 'in protest against the JDL threats,' Ja'Abari was heard ordering the premises to be immediately reopened. 'Get these people back,' he said, adding that the strikers were 'no better than the fifth columnists who have plagued our people by creating problems from nothing.'

"The JDL members were believed to have penetrated in the early hours of the morning before the roadblocks were reinforced with soldiers and border police at around 9 a.m. Until then, the main roadblock on the southern outskirts of Bethlehem was manned by only one soldier. All passengers, mainly in private cars, claimed to be heading either for Gush Etzion or Beersheba. At one point, the soldier asked a 'suspicious' driver whether he belonged to the League. 'No, the Mafia,' the driver said as he was waved on."

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Hebron is a city in Israeli occupied territory.

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TO: Acting Director, FBI (105-207795)

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SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDLENCLOSURES:

Enclosed are 7 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES:

Tel Aviv cable 9/11/72 and Tel Aviv airtel and LHM, 8/29/72.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

For the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices, referenced cable contained substantially the same information as appears in the enclosure to this airtel.

The three U. S. Embassy officials who interviewed subject on 9/11/72 are Mr. EDWARD S. WALKER, Political Officer, Legat and Assistant Legat.

The two Embassy Officers who interviewed subject on 8/28/72 are Mr. WALKER and Mr. MUNRO P. JONES, Administrative Officer.

Referenced cable noted that U. S. Embassy Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim, J. OWEN ZURHELLEN, JR. requested that a copy of the cable submitted on 9/11/72 be submitted at once to the U. S. Department of State.

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The above information is not being included in the enclosure since the primary purpose of interviewing the subject was to elicit information with regard to "Nakam." (S) m

This office feels that the location of the telegram subject allegedly sent from Israel to Jewish Defense League (JDL) Headquarters in New York between 8/22 and 8/28/72, is most significant since it may have some bearing as to the veracity and/or sincerity of subject in his allegation that such an organization ("Nakam") exists outside the JDL. If, for example, subject did not send such a telegram subsequent to the date he claimed to have met with the unidentified representative of "Nakam" this would affect his insistence that he knew nothing of the organization prior to meeting with the unidentified "Nakam" representative on 8/22 or 23/72. For this reason, if there is no success in locating the telegram from the above-noted period (8/22 through 8/28/72), an attempt will be made to locate such a telegram prior to that period.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York:

Through available sources, will attempt to locate a copy of the telegram subject claims to have sent from Israel to JDL Headquarters in New York between 8/22 and 8/28/72. In the event such a telegram cannot be located, it is requested that an attempt be made to locate such a telegram having been sent from Israel to New York for the period 8/1-22/72.

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The results of the interview with subject have been furnished to Charge d'Affaires Ad Interim, ZURHELLEN, Political Officer, EDWARD S. WALKER and Consul General, LARRY ROEDER, all of the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv.

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At the subject's request, he was interviewed on August 28, 1972, by two officials of the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel, during which time, among other statements, subject claimed that someone had come to him during the past week (prior to August 28, 1972) and said that there was a Jewish group in the United States called "Nakam" (vengeance), which would take up this "matter of kidnapping" Soviet diplomats within the next two weeks. Subject stated he had never heard of this group and that he did not know the man who came to him and could not contact him. Subject said that the man spoke good Hebrew, but did not appear Israeli or American. Subject declined to describe him and said "I hope he does not do it and if he does, I hope he does not get caught." Subject stated that he did not think the man was a crackpot or a crank. *YU*

During the above interview, subject expressed the hope that the U. S. Government would take action to convince the Soviets that it is in their interest to let Soviet Jews go so that some "nut" would not act against a Soviet diplomat. He added that we live in an age where a "nut" can change the course of history. *YU*

The U. S. Embassy, by letter addressed to the subject dated September 5, 1972, requested subject to come to the Embassy in the near future to "further discuss the matters which you raised during our meeting of August 28, 1972." This letter was addressed to the subject at his residence in Israel, Kiryat Itri #3, Entrance "D", Jerusalem.

At 3:30 PM on September 11, 1972, subject, alone, was interviewed by three officials of the U. S. Embassy. Although subject was penetratively interviewed for one hour, subject maintained that he did not know the identity of the individual who advised him of the organization "Nakam" and refused to further identify him, even to the extent of bluntly refusing to answer questions with regard to the unidentified individual's physical description. He generally repeated what he had advised in the interview he afforded August 28, 1972, to the two Embassy officials, in addition to the following:

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The unidentified "Nakam" representative came to subject in Jerusalem on August 22 or 23, 1972, and spoke to subject for no longer than ten minutes. Subject stated that there were no witnesses to this conversation. The unidentified male was hopeful that subject would repeat his message to United States authorities and for this reason subject came to the Embassy on August 28, 1972. Several days earlier, date unrecalled by the subject, he sent a telegram to his Jewish Defense League (JDL) Headquarters in New York City with the same information. Subject noted that the individual who arranged for his meeting with the two Embassy officials August 28, 1972, was an Israeli citizen, [REDACTED] a member of the JDL in Israel.

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The unidentified male representing "Nakam," through subject, intended to advise the U. S. Embassy in Tel Aviv of the intentions of "Nakam" feeling certain that the information would ultimately reach the Soviet Union through Washington, D. C. Subject referred to the efforts to establish a detente between the United States and the Soviet Union as an Achilles heel. The ultimate objective of "Nakam" was to secure the freedom of Soviet Jews by threatening this detente.

In addition, "in case the Embassy didn't take this seriously," a press conference was organized by the subject releasing the information concerning "Nakam."

In response to questions as to the identity of the individual who furnished the information about "Nakam" or any other member of "Nakam," the subject stated "I don't know who they are and if I did I wouldn't tell you." He stated he never saw the man before or after his brief talk but was impressed as to his serious and stable manner. Subject insisted that "Nakam" was not a splinter group of the JDL in any "manner, shape or form." Subject stated he does not recall if the unidentified male identified himself as a member of "Nakam." Subject steadfastly refused to further discuss "Nakam" or the unidentified male, adding "I would have to be subpoenaed by some group." Subject noted he would be returning to the United States October 1, 1972. Subject did note that his impression from the brief conversation he had with the unidentified male was that "Nakam" had "groups" in the United States and Western Europe. He was unable to recall if such a group existed in Israel, indicating that this would not be likely in the absence of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
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ReButel to New York, 9/12/72.

NYO unable to secure copy of telegram allegedly sent by subject from Israel to JDL headquarters in NYC sometime during the period 8/22-28/72.

Copies of telegrams are maintained at the point of origin and not at point of destination.

The Bureau may desire to request Legat, Tel Aviv secure a copy of telegram.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/12/72

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In attached, Legat, Tel Aviv, reported results of an interview of Meir D. Kahane, International Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), which took place on 9/11/72, at the U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel. Purpose of interview by Legat was to ascertain complete information relating to "NAKAM," an organization alleged by subject on 8/21/72 to exist in the U.S. and which planned to kidnap and hold for ransom Soviet personnel in the U.S. When interviewed, Kahane stated "NAKAM" is not associated with the JDL and declined to furnish additional information concerning "NAKAM" and the individual who provided him with data relating to "NAKAM." Kahane said he had impression "NAKAM" had "groups" in the U.S. and Western Europe.

Details in attached are being disseminated by teletype to the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency and Secret Service, and by messenger to the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division.

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MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA: IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

RE TEL AVIV CABLE SEPTEMBER SIX, SEVENTYTWO.

AT THREE THIRTY PM, SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, SUBJECT, ALONE, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, TEL AVIV BY LEGAT IN THE PRESENCE OF ASSISTANT LEGAT AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER EDWARD S. WALKER. LEGAT AND ASSISTANT LEGAT WERE INTRODUCED ONLY AS OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WAS PENETRATIVELY INTERVIEWED FOR ONE HOUR, SUBJECT MAINTAINED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ADVISED HIM OF THE ORGANIZATION "NAKAM" AND REFUSED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY HIM EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF BLUNTLY REFUSING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. HE GENERALLY REPEATED WHAT HE HAD ADVISED IN THE INTERVIEW HE AFFORDED AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO TO WALKER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY, MUNRO P. JONES, IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING:

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THE UNIDENTIFIED NAKAM REPRESENTATIVE CAME TO SUBJECT IN JERUSALEM ON AUGUST TWENTYTWO OR TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYTWO AND SPOKE TO SUBJECT FOR NO LONGER THAN TEN MINUTES. SUBJECT STATED THAT THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THIS CONVERSATION. THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE WAS HOPEFUL THAT SUBJECT WOULD REPEAT HIS MESSAGE TO UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES AND FOR THIS REASON SUBJECT CAME TO THE EMBASSY AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO. SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, DATE UNRECALLED BY THE SUBJECT, HE SENT A TELEGRAM TO HIS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE "JDL" HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY WITH THE SAME INFORMATION. SUBJECT NOTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ARRANGED FOR HIS MEETING WITH WALKER AND JONES AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, WAS AN ISRAELI CITIZEN [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF THE JDL IN ISRAEL.

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THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPRESENTING NAKAM, THROUGH SUBJECT, INTENDED TO ADVISE THE U. S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV OF THE INTENTIONS OF NAKAM FEELING CERTAIN THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD ULTIMATELY REACH THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH WASHINGTON, D. C. SUBJECT REFERRED TO THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AS AN ACHILLES HEEL. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF NAKAM WAS TO SECURE THE FREEDOM OF SOVIET JEWS BY THREATENING THIS DETENTE.

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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED THE INFORMATION ABOUT NAKAM OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF NAKAM THE SUBJECT STATED "I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND IF I DID I WOULDN'T TELL YOU." HE STATED HE NEVER SAW THE MAN BEFORE OR AFTER HIS BRIEF TALK BUT WAS IMPRESSED AS TO HIS SERIOUS AND STABLE MANNER. SUBJECT INSISTED THAT NAKAM WAS NOT A SPLINTER GROUP OF THE JDL IN ANY "MANNER, SHAPE OR FORM" SUBJECT STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL IF THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF NAKAM. SUBJECT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO FURTHER DISCUSS NAKAM OR THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE ADDING "I WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBPOENAED BY SOME GROUP". SUBJECT NOTED HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE U. S. OCTOBER ONE, SEVENTYTWO. SUBJECT DID NOTE THAT HIS IMPRESSION FROM THE BRIEF CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE WAS THAT NAKAM HAD "GROUPS" IN THE U. S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL IF SUCH A GROUP EXISTED IN ISRAEL, INDICATING THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE LIKELY IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ISRAEL.

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IT APPEARS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE IN LIGHT OF OLYMPIC MASSACRE AND JDL PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT JDL LEADERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] LEFT ISRAEL SEPTEMBER FIVE AND SIX RESPECTIVELY. JDL MEMBER [REDACTED] LEFT ISRAEL SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST. NO DETAILS RE THESE DEPARTURES OR DESTINATIONS AVAILABLE.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795) (ATTN: D I D)

LOS ANGELES (105-29629)

NEW YORK

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688) (P) 2 PAGES

MEIR D. KAHANE. IS - NT - JDL.

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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE INSTANT, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
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WILL BE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FOR THREE SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN OCTOBER SEVENTEEN AND NINETEEN NEXT.  
SOURCE STATED KAHANE WILL SPEAK ON THE EVENING OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
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SAN PEDRO ROAD, SANTA VENICIA, CALIFORNIA; AND THE EVENING OF  
THE NINETEENTH AT THE CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM, THREE TWO SEVEN  
MAC ARTHUR BOULEVARD, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. SOURCE UNABLE TO  
FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT THIS TIME EXCEPT TO STATE  
KAHANE [REDACTED]

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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE INSTANT, A SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT KAHANE WILL SPEAK ON OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH NEXT (AS OPPOSED TO THE NINETEENTH) AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM AS "ONLY PART OF A PROGRAM TO BRING MAJOR ISSUES SUCH AS JEWISH MILITANCY INTO LIGHT FOR EXAMINATION AND UNDERSTANDING".

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RE LOS ANGELES NITEL TO BUREAU, DATED AUGUST TWENTYFOUR LAST.

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"A BOMB OR EXPLOSIVE", NYCPD WAS IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED.

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EVIDENCE OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OR BOOBY TRAP OF ANY TYPE.  
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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy each of an interview of MEIR KAHANE which appeared in the October 1972 issue of Playboy magazine.

It is noted in the last page of the interview, that KAHANE indicated he joined the John Birch Society at the request of the FBI and was paid by the FBI.

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# PLAYBOY INTERVIEW: MEIR KAHANE

*a candid conversation with the militant leader of the Jewish defense league*

Nearly every reader of a news magazine has heard of the Jewish Defense League and seen pictures of its tough-looking youths "patrolling" inner-city neighborhoods, training in karate, standing armed guard before the doors of synagogues. Many observers within and without the Jewish community see J.D.L. as an alarming phenomenon—prepared to use guns and even bombs to achieve its dubious ends, eager to increase both domestic and international tensions, intolerant of opposition, comparable in its approach to the Minutemen and the Weathermen.

The fact that it is a Jewish organization behaving this way has produced a good deal of astonishment. Although Jewish life in this country is far from monolithic—there are Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed and even nonpracticing Jews, whose observances differ markedly from one another—certain reasonable generalizations can be made about American Jews, and by these criteria, the Jewish Defense League is an anomaly. For a century, this country's Jews have been moving outward from ghetto and shul, away from orthodoxy to full participation in the nation's life; J.D.L. denounces these "secularist" tendencies and hearkens back to the Orthodox tradition. Since the Thirties, Jews have been identified with New Deal liberalism; J.D.L. heaps scorn upon liberalism and liberals. Young Jews

played a prominent role in the civil rights demonstrations of the Sixties; Jewish lawyers have made careers of defending the civil liberties of others; Jewish citizens are on contributor lists for every underdog cause in the land; yet J.D.L. berates Jews for rushing to the defense of others and ignoring the sufferings of their own brothers and sisters. The major Jewish organizations are proud of their skill at resolving grievances around the conference table; J.D.L. has taken vociferously to the streets. Jews have won a reputation for avoiding violence; young J.D.L. members seek confrontations. Their slogan: "Never Again!"

Among J.D.L.'s more celebrated activities have been the following:

- Members of the National Renaissance Party, carrying GAS THE JEWS! signs at a Fifth Avenue parade marking an anniversary of Israel's independence, were roughed up by J.D.L. youths.

- When black leader James Forman threatened to interrupt services at New York's fashionable Temple Emanu-El with his demand for Jewish reparations to black citizens, about 30 J.D.L. members, equipped with clubs and chains, stationed themselves at the entrance to the temple and promised to break Forman's head if he should appear. He didn't.

- In response to the Soviet government's refusal to permit emigration of

Russian Jews to Israel, and its arrest of Jewish dissidents, J.D.L. bands trailed members of the Soviet mission to the UN, calling them dirty names; J.D.L. also invaded offices of the Soviet trading company Amtorg.

- Last March, some J.D.L. members crashed a diplomatic reception in Washington and poured blood on the head of a Soviet official.

- In May, a dozen J.D.L. members staged a sit-in at the Austrian Embassy to protest the acquittal in Austria of a former SS concentration-camp guard. They hung a Nazi flag outside a window and traded blows with embassy officials.

Exploits widely attributed to J.D.L., although either denied or shrugged off with a grin by its spokesmen, have included:

- Open bottles of ammonia rolled down the aisles of Carnegie Hall, stopping a performance of the Siberian Dancers and Singers of Omsk.

- A bomb exploded in the doorway of the New York office of Aeroslot, the Soviet airline, and Intourist, the Soviet tourist agency, leading to the cancellation of a visit to this country by the Bolshoi Ballet.

- A bomb set off outside the Soviet cultural building in Washington.

- Four shots fired through a window of the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

- A bomb exploded in the Lebanese Consulate in Hollywood after the random



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"We have a tremendous thing about love in this country. Everybody has to love everybody. Well, I believe there is a certain importance to hate. One has to hate injustice. You've got to burn it out."

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shooting at Tel Aviv's Lod airport in May by Japanese gunmen allegedly trained in Lebanon.

A fire bomb exploded, killing young Jewish woman, in the New York offices of impresario Sol Hurok, prime importer of Soviet talent.

Four J.D.L. members were arrested in connection with the Hurok bombing and one at another booking agency the same day. Four others had been arrested a few weeks earlier, charged with conspiring to blow up the Long Island home occupied by the Soviet mission to the UN.

For its deeds, both admitted and alleged, J.D.L. has been denounced by every major Jewish organization in the country, as well as by officials on all levels of government. Yet it has persisted, growing to a claimed membership of 16,000—most of it, according to J.D.L. spokesmen, on the nation's campuses. This achievement is due almost entirely to one man, an Orthodox rabbi: Meir Kahane (pronounced Ka-hah-nee).

Born in Brooklyn 40 years ago, Kahane attended Jewish religious schools—Yeshivas—but combined his spiritual orthodoxy with a passion for the New York Yankees that was most unorthodox in the Brooklyn of the legendary Dodgers. He won a B.A. and a law degree at night school (and later an M.A. in international law), then served as a rabbi in Queens for a couple of years but found that role uncongenial. Today he doesn't claim to speak officially for any branch of American Judaism; he is, however, the voice of J.D.L. To learn more about this controversial organization and its reputedly authoritarian leader, PLAYBOY sent interviewer Walter Goodman to talk to Kahane. Goodman reports:

"Meir Kahane is a slight, dark man of quiet demeanor. At some time in his youth, he apparently forced himself to master a stutter; his tongue still falters occasionally, but the flow of ideas into words is remarkably fluent. His manner in private conversation is subdued, compared with his fiery manner on the platform, but now and then a twitch of his eyelid betrays the nervous energy within. A low-keyed humor continually finds its way into his conversation. While searching for a parking space on a crowded Brooklyn street, he remarked, 'Now, we'll see whether God is good today, or difficult.' After a moment, he added: 'He's always good and always difficult.'

"Kahane plans, in time, to settle in Israel—where J.D.L. now maintains an international office—and he contends that it would be prudent if all American Jews made similar plans. Last year he moved his family—wife and four chil-

dren—there, where his father and grandfather were rabbis in the days before the existence of the Jewish state. Kahane now commutes monthly between America and Israel and maintains so frenetic a schedule of speaking engagements, which are a major source of J.D.L. funds, that I had to fly with him from New York to Chicago just to get him to sit still for a couple of hours. It was a luncheon flight and the airline presented the rabbi on boarding with his specially ordered, Saran-wrapped kosher meal.

"When we next met, it was in a quite different setting, J.D.L. headquarters in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn—a building that is a cross between a deserted warehouse and a medieval dungeon. Prison, in fact, is something Kahane has often faced. He was first arrested at the age of 15, in 1947, for stoning the car of British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin. Since forming J.D.L. in the late Sixties, he's been held by the police several times. In 1971, he was convicted for his part in a bomb-making plot, and last May he was given three years on probation for inciting a riot in December 1970 outside the Soviet mission to the UN. Throughout all, he has behaved with the air of a man who believes himself perfectly justified in his actions. I began by asking him to explain why."

PLAYBOY: How do you justify J.D.L.'s advocacy of violence as a tactic?

KAHANE: As a general principle, if there is no need for violence, then even a little bit of it is bad. But if a crisis arises in which nothing can work but a great deal of violence, then not to use it is a tragedy. Was it more merciful not to go to war with the Nazis in 1933? Was it more moral, more ethical, more decent, more humane? I think it would have been a lot more humane for a lot of innocent people if we had gone to war then.

PLAYBOY: Some Jewish leaders have charged that your readiness to resort to violence contradicts the principles of Judaism.

KAHANE: When some so-called leader gets up and emotes about what is Jewish and what is not Jewish, it pains me, because I can't stand ignorance. If he owned an insurance business, I wouldn't have the chutzpah to argue with him about insurance. So let him not tell me, a rabbi, what is Jewish. Gandhi, a pacifist, was not a Jew. Moses was a Jew—and he smote the Egyptians.

PLAYBOY: Just how far are you willing to go in the use of violence?

KAHANE: As far as necessary. If an American Nazi Party leader posed a clear and present danger to American Jews, then not to assassinate such a person would be

one of the most immoral courses I could imagine. I only wish that someone had assassinated Adolf Hitler in 1923.

PLAYBOY: How can you take upon yourself the responsibility of deciding whether or not to take someone's life?

KAHANE: You have an obligation to try to do things in a nice way. You have to give your antagonist an opportunity to change. But once you've given him the chance and it doesn't work, then I think you have an obligation—not just a right, an obligation—to move on something that is not nice.

PLAYBOY: But anybody can use that kind of reasoning to justify whatever he thinks is right.

KAHANE: Of course.

PLAYBOY: Then the only difference between you and, say, the American Nazi Party is that they're wrong and you're right?

KAHANE: I can't put it better than that.

PLAYBOY: Four members of J.D.L. were arrested last June for fire-bombing the offices of Sol Hurok in New York, killing a young girl. How—

KAHANE: That was insane. I was horrified.

PLAYBOY: But what do you have to say about the fact that circumstantial evidence points to your organization's involvement in the bombing? J.D.L. has been critical of Hurok for bringing Soviet performers to America, and someone did call the Associated Press and NBC after the explosion and use your J.D.L. slogan, "Never Again!"

KAHANE: Those arrested are nice Jewish boys; they're absolutely innocent. It's true that we have disrupted Hurok's concerts—but there's a tremendous difference between that and bombing someone who is not part of the Soviet apparatus in this country. Now, Hurok is in it to make money, and I think that's immoral. I think he's helping the Soviet Union in a cultural exchange program the basic purpose of which is to anesthetize the American people. No one can walk out of a Soviet concert feeling quite as bad toward Russia as I might have before. So I think Hurok's program should be stopped. But not that way. The punishment must fit the crime. There is cultural genocide going on in the Soviet Union—but we're not dealing with physical genocide. So we disrupt cultural activities; we don't assassinate Soviet officials.

PLAYBOY: In the process of anti-Russia protests in this country, J.D.L. members have broken American laws. How do you excuse that?

KAHANE: We respect the right and the obligation of the American Government to prosecute us and send us to jail. No one gripes about that.

PLAYBOY: Are you at all concerned

J. D. L.'s harassment of the Russians may obstruct Soviet-American relations and hurt the cause of peace?

KAHANE: After we took over the New York offices of Amtorg, the Soviet trading company, and made the Russians walk down 20 flights of stairs, our ambassador to the UN, Charles Yost, called me in. The first thing he said to me was, "Aren't you a good citizen?" I said, "Yes." Then he asked me if I didn't realize that J. D. L. was interfering with delicate relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. When he said that, I knew we were making our point. I want to see this world living in peace, and I want to see the Soviets and the Americans sit down and get the Cold War figured out. But I don't want peace bought at the expense of people. Once upon a time, that was called Munich.

PLAYBOY: So your strategy is to make the Soviets uncomfortable and also to try to put pressure on our own Government.

KAHANE: Exactly. And we're succeeding. We've gotten thousands of Jews out of the Soviet Union. But don't take my word for it; talk to the Jews in the U.S.S.R. or to those who have gone to Israel. In the Soviet Union, the only American Jewish organization the people have heard of is J. D. L. The Soviets made a 20-minute TV film about J. D. L. They put up big pictures of Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan and Meir Kahane—enemies of the state. Fine.

PLAYBOY: What would you consider J. D. L.'s other major successes in the four years of its existence?

KAHANE: First, it has created a sense of Jewish identity, especially on campuses. Second, it's created a different image of Jews among gentiles. Why do muggers prey on Jewish neighborhoods and not on Italian neighborhoods? Because the Italians have a reputation for being tough. Now we're getting that reputation—rough-and-tough hoodlums.

PLAYBOY: That's good?

KAHANE: Yes. If a minority group has an image of weakness and is at the same time affluent, it becomes an ideal scapegoat when times get hard, as they are today for many people. That's really why I started J. D. L.

PLAYBOY: How did that come about?

KAHANE: Well, in 1967, I became the editor of *The Jewish Press*, the largest Anglo-Jewish paper in the country—over 160,000 readers—for which I'd been writing a weekly column for several years. In my job as editor, I started getting phone calls and letters telling me about incidents that seemed terrible to me, but which I never read about in the general press.

PLAYBOY: Such as?

KAHANE: There were Jewish teachers being attacked by racists in their schools.

There was the whole problem of violence in Jewish neighborhoods. There was the tremendous growth of radical-left alienation among young Jews. So I would contact the major Jewish groups and say, "Hey, have you heard about this?" and they'd say, "Yes, we've heard." And I'd say, "What are you going to do about it?" And they'd say, "Well, we've always found that it's better not to do too much; it makes things worse; these things have a tendency to die out." I listened to them, but it became obvious to me that doing nothing would simply guarantee that the situation would get worse. So I put an ad in *The Jewish Press* in which I described the problems and said that it was time for an active Jewish group to call a meeting.

PLAYBOY: What was the response?

KAHANE: I was astounded. All of a sudden, I found out just how many Jews there were who thought they must be crazy, because they'd been brought up to believe that militant thinking was un-Jewish. The idea of J. D. L. took off immediately. If it had come five years earlier, it might have fizzled, but in 1968, its time had come.

PLAYBOY: Why 1968?

KAHANE: Because the Arab-Israeli war the year before had cut the albatross from the neck of the poor, long-suffering anti-Semite. When the gates of the concentration camps were opened, there was this terrible guilt feeling all over the world. To be an anti-Semite in the years immediately following World War Two was too much for the average person. The Christian overcompensated, just as today the Jew overcompensates for the black man. Well, that's over and done with. Suddenly, the erstwhile victims have become bloody Jews, aggressors who did unto others what had been done unto them for so long. At least that's what the anti-Semite can now believe.

PLAYBOY: You don't put much store in surveys and polls indicating that anti-Semitism in this country has been steadily declining.

KAHANE: When an anti-Semite's belly is filled, he doesn't stop being an anti-Semite. He's just quiet about it, because it's not relevant. But America's economic boom is ending; for 25 years, America had no competitors, but today tough competition is pricing U.S. goods out of world markets—indeed, out of the domestic market. Things won't get better, they'll get worse, and that will lead to frustration and a search for that scapegoat I was talking about—the Jew.

PLAYBOY: Why the Jew? Why not the black man?

KAHANE: First of all, Jews are a small minority and, as I said, a very wealthy

one. That's a dangerous combination; it makes it easy for both black and white workers to turn on them. It's not a coincidence that George Lincoln Rockwell as the only white man ever invited to sit on the dais at a Black Muslim meeting. It's not a coincidence that the American Nazi Party, in its writing directed at blacks, blamed the Jews for poverty, drugs, liquor, slums and everything else that's oppressing blacks. At the WASP establishment isn't exactly dismayed that the anger of minority groups is being diverted from the stock exchange to Sammy's candy store. On the one hand, the black man sees the Jew as the weakest link in the white chain; on the other, the white fascists blame the Jew for what they see as the black problem. Over and over their literature, they emphasize the evident fact that it was Jews who played the leading role in the battle for civil rights—a battle that I feel should bring honor to the Jewish people. There is a thing we Jews have done for blacks that I say should not have been done: say only that we should have done much for ourselves.

PLAYBOY: One criticism of J. D. L. is that it doesn't seem to care much about other people's civil rights. When you were permitted to speak to the Zionist Organization of America last year despite a number of protests, for instance, you cited that as an example of freedom of expression—

KAHANE: Right.

PLAYBOY: Yet when William Kunstler was invited to speak to a Jewish group J. D. L. protested against it.

KAHANE: Certainly. I would protest against any Jewish group's allowing a Jew hat to speak.

PLAYBOY: What's your objection to Kunstler?

KAHANE: William Kunstler, I think, has taken a position that is exceedingly detrimental to Jews. He aligns himself with the anti-Semitic section of the black nationalist movement. I'm not saying this man shouldn't have any forum in this country, only that he shouldn't have a Jewish one. To me, anyone should be allowed to speak in public if, given the power, he would grant me the same right. I don't care what his economic or social views are; all he has to do is tell me that if he got power, he'd let me speak.

PLAYBOY: Suppose he says he wants to annihilate the Jews. Would you permit him to speak?

KAHANE: Of course not. Nobody has the right to put me into an oven.

PLAYBOY: But doesn't democracy grant someone the right to say he'll put you into an oven?

KAHANE: You can't make that kind of

statement in a vacuum. The Nazi who says it tries to get enough people's minds changed so that he'll really be able to do it. Maybe he doesn't have enough power now, but what about five years from now? You know, we have a tremendous thing about love in this country. Everybody has to love everybody. Well, I believe there is a certain importance to hate. One has to hate injustice. You can't just say, "I'm not for it"; you've got to burn it out of the human condition. I believe there is an objective standard of what is good and what is evil. Nobody can tell me that, given his place and time, Eichmann was not evil—and evil has to be stopped.

**PLAYBOY:** So you employ your "objective standards" in Brownsville and Anthony Imperiale employs his "objective standards" to justify white vigilante patrols in Newark. In this sense, how does J. D. L. differ from Imperiale's group?

**KAHANE:** Imperiale is a racist. He doesn't like blacks because they're black. In that sense, we're as different as night and day.

**PLAYBOY:** But you've had some abrasive encounters with black groups yourself, notably in regard to their demands for reparations from wealthy Jewish congregations. Doesn't it seem ironic to you that the Jews, who demanded and received reparations from the Germans, should deny them to blacks?

**KAHANE:** There's no question that an individual who commits a crime should pay for it—nor that the German generation that committed terrible crimes must pay reparations for what it did. But there is no way I, whose parents came over here in the 1920s, am going to pay for the sins of Baptist slaveowners. If we're speaking about reparations, the Jews can stand first in line. But we're not asking for reparations from the Catholic Church nor the Protestant churches; that's done with. As for blacks' asking reparations from Jews, we owe them nothing—and that's what they'll get from us.

**PLAYBOY:** There are, however, specific charges against Jews as slumlords and installment-plan operators, and so forth, in black neighborhoods. Surely you can understand black hostility to these very visible people.

**KAHANE:** One hundred percent. No one ever said that slumlords aren't bad guys. They are. But when black militants go out in the streets and add the one word—*Jewish* slumlords—they add nothing new except anti-Semitism.

**PLAYBOY:** As J. D. L.'s strategy and tactics have been described, they seem to owe a good deal to those of black militants themselves.

**KAHANE:** The Talmud says, "Who is wise? He who learns from all people." We're happy when people call us Panthers, because we know a Panther doesn't mess with a Panther.

**PLAYBOY:** Does that mean that, in your opinion, rioting by militant blacks is justified?

**KAHANE:** No, not in America. If the Soviet Union had allowed the kinds of changes for Russian Jews that this country has allowed for blacks, there would be no J. D. L. protests against the U. S. S. R. It's one thing to say this is a country where change hasn't come fast enough; but the fact is that change has come—and it's not just tokenism. There's been an honest effort to meet problems, there's been a revolution in this country.

**PLAYBOY:** Militant blacks disagree and claim the right—just as you do—to use extreme methods to catalyze that revolution.

**KAHANE:** There will always be such people—people who don't want to see the world become better.

**PLAYBOY:** That argument can be turned against you.

**KAHANE:** Any argument can be turned against anybody.

**PLAYBOY:** Are you concerned that J. D. L. may be creating feelings of anti-Semitism among blacks?

**KAHANE:** One thing we should have learned by now is that you can't fight anti-Semitism by sweeping it under the rug. The anti-Semitism is already there. I don't like it when people talk about "Zionist pigs." I don't like it when a red-neck does it; I don't like it when Bobby Seale does it. It bothers me that men like Lindsay and Rockefeller haven't spoken out forcefully, that the entire WASP establishment hasn't spoken out against the overt anti-Semitism among black groups.

**PLAYBOY:** Are you also concerned about anti-Semitism among the ethnic whites of middle America?

**KAHANE:** Very much so. That's where the danger really lies in this country, and that's why J. D. L. has been trying to open lines of communication with Italians, Irish, Poles. We don't care what "nice" people think. We do care what *these* people think. We don't want them to love us, just respect us.

**PLAYBOY:** Does this aim account for your alliance with Joe Colombo's Italian-American Civil Rights League?

**KAHANE:** Yes. Whatever you may think of Colombo, no other group has as many members and speaks as clearly as his does for the lower-class and lower-middle-class ethnic.

**PLAYBOY:** Is it possible that J. D. L. and the Italian-American Civil Rights League

were drawn together by a mutual antipathy to blacks?

**KAHANE:** After Joe Colombo was shot by a man at a league rally last year, I went into the hospital room with his sons and others who were ready to take apart any black they saw. Not everybody could have gotten into that room that day; I was one of only five outside there, and the only Jew. I spoke to Mr. Colombo and to the boys and to the *shtarkers*, and I tried to get through to them that it was just some crazy guy who had done this—not all black people. I don't know what influence I had, but when Colombo's son Anthony made a statement to the press, the first thing I said was exactly what I had been saying: I feel I did my bit in that area.

**PLAYBOY:** Are you happy with the renewed emphasis on ethnic identity that seems to be developing in this country?

**KAHANE:** No, not at all.

**PLAYBOY:** Why do you think it's happening?

**KAHANE:** I think because it's the nature of the beast to look inward rather than outward—to seek to become part of a group he feels possesses right, justice, truth and everything else. The smaller the group, the bigger he feels.

**PLAYBOY:** But surely you're feeding exactly that, promoting Jewish pride and a consciousness, criticizing the superficiality of what you've called "bagel-and-ladle Jewishness" in the United States.

**KAHANE:** What we're dealing with is change in Judaism that has been taking place not only in this country but in the materialistic West in general: All forms of life become things to be enjoyed. What kind of car do we decide to buy? We go out and shop for it. What kind of Judaism do we want? We go out and shop for it. Nobody built a Conservative temple because of ideology; they built it because they wanted something a little more modern, a little easier. When filtered down to people that the Conservative rabbi would let them ride in a synagogue instead of walk, that's what created a Conservative temple. There's no ideology in any of it.

**PLAYBOY:** Are you saying that the kind of Judaism widely practiced in this country isn't really Judaism at all?

**KAHANE:** Right. It may be the nonviolent principles of Tolstoy; it may be the liberal principles of Americans for Democratic Action; but it's not Judaism. Like it or not, Judaism has very definite concepts, very rigid concepts. It's never been easy to be a Jew; throughout the ages, he was ruled by laws, regulations, customs whose basic purpose was to discipline him as a human being—because one cannot achieve a sense of morals or ethics unless one has



ability to do without, to sacrifice. Our laws and customs are too difficult for the average person. For him, Judaism becomes a question of what's more convenient, and the parents who choose this bagel-and-lox Judaism are paying the price. Their children, who see through this sham, aren't willing to keep even the bagels and lox. They've lost any logical reason for staying Jewish. When a Reform rabbi talks about the morals of Judaism and the ethics of Judaism, I think that's wonderful; I'm all for morals and ethics, only what he's talking about isn't particularly Jewish.

**PLAYBOY:** Are there such things as Jewish morals and ethics?

**KAHANE:** Yes. Not to beat one's mother is an ethic—but it's not particularly a Jewish ethic. For it to be Jewish, there must be something unique about it.

**PLAYBOY:** For example?

**KAHANE:** Consider the question of kosher food. Ask the American Jew, why kosher food? Nine out of eight will say because once upon a time, we Jews were the only people in the world who realized that one ought to be healthy, and that therefore we didn't eat pork and didn't get worms and trichinosis. That's nonsense. Kosher foods are postulated by the need for a sense of discipline. The importance of the rules lies in building up in a young child the capacity to do without if necessary. Take a young Jewish boy who observes the rules of kashruth. He goes to a double-header at Shea Stadium and he sits through a long first game that goes into extra innings and he's long since finished the sandwich his mother gave him. Two hours later, he's sitting there and next to him somebody orders two franks, and they're passed down the row. He's famished but doesn't order one for himself. Now, what's happened to this youngster is a tremendous thing. He has learned that sometimes one would like to have, and yet must be able to resist. Consider the Sabbath: For 24 hours, he's not able to do what he'd like to do. He can't play cards, watch television, go to a movie; he can't go out and make money. Such restraints build up strength within him, so that one day, when he is asked to make a major sacrifice, it won't be that difficult. That, I think, is uniquely Jewish Judaism. Ethics aren't enough. Everybody's ethical.

**PLAYBOY:** Are the radical activities of your young followers consistent with Jewish law?

**KAHANE:** That's what we're trying for. When a young Jew who has never felt very much for his Jewish past participates in one of our protests, he experiences for the first time the feeling that he's doing something for Jews. It's the first step back to Judaism.

**PLAYBOY:** Is it realistic to expect young Jews in this society to return to Orthodox Judaism?

**KAHANE:** J. D. L. isn't a religious organization. We're not interested in drawing them back to Orthodox Judaism. We want to get rid of their ignorance about what Judaism is, and then if they choose to practice it, fine. My own belief is that if a boy is given an opportunity to know what Judaism really is, not the absurdity that he's fed in his Hebrew school, he will understand its tremendous concept and perhaps practice it a bit more. He should have the right to reject Judaism; he should have freedom of choice. But the average young Jew has no choice. The kind of Judaism he's been given here in America leaves him no choice but to reject it.

**PLAYBOY:** And you, in turn, have rejected the values in which most American Jews have put their trust—liberalism, democracy, interfaith relations. Why do you mock those values?

**KAHANE:** I don't mock the values. I only mock the people who think that these values will solve the Jewish problem in this country.

**PLAYBOY:** What will?

**KAHANE:** Actually, I take a very bleak view. I don't believe there is a Jewish future in this country. What I say to the young people on campuses is, "Your place is in Israel." The only place where the Jewish people can live in physical safety and spiritual sanity is their own state. They're no different from anyone else. To be a minority is to be abnormal. Believe me, I understand far better than the average Jewish liberal the agony of the black masses. It's difficult to be black and be normal when everything you see, every value, is white; when the entire culture is the antithesis of your own. The idea that this is a fascist state that purposely engages in genocide of black people is nonsense. The black problem is simply that this is a white country. And the Jewish problem is that this is by its very nature a Christian country.

**PLAYBOY:** Can't one be a good Jew and have no intention of living in Israel?

**KAHANE:** There's a great deal of hypocrisy on that. Three times a day, the practicing Jew faces East and he says, "May our eyes behold Thy return to Zion." Well, the return has occurred; Zion is there. On Yom Kippur, when in every synagogue and temple in the land, at the same moment, tens of thousands of Jewish voices are raised during the service; saying, "Next year in Jerusalem," everyone is lying, from the rabbi on down. Israel is an integral part of Judaism, and I will debate any rabbi, anywhere, on this position: The belief that

the place for Jewish people is the state of Israel is central to Judaism. That's the positive reason to go to Israel. There's also a negative reason. I believe there is a physical threat to Jews in this country. J. D. L. exists as a very strange kind of Zionist group—one that urges people to go to Israel but, knowing that they won't go, does its best to prove itself wrong about the threat here by giving strength to America's Jews.

**PLAYBOY:** Does that explain your emphasis on guns?

**KAHANE:** My motto is, "Every Jew, Twenty-Two." I would have made it an M-1, but it didn't rhyme. But I've been told by the court not to speak about guns.

**PLAYBOY:** Can you say whether weapon training is still going on at your J. D. L. camp in the Catskills?

**KAHANE:** Oh, yes. Of course.

**PLAYBOY:** Just what is the physical threat you feel you face? Who is the enemy? Aren't you making too much of the anti-Semitic lunatic fringe?

**KAHANE:** Not long ago, I was listening to one of those radio talk shows, where people phone in. Now, on those shows, you hear a lot of American voices, and it's frightening. One night, they got onto the subject of busing, and on the caller—a rational-sounding man—said, "I would vote for the reincarnation of Adolf Hitler if it meant that my child would not be bused ten miles."

**PLAYBOY:** Are the callers to those shows representative? Aren't they usually pretty odd people?

**KAHANE:** If they're odd people, there are an awful lot of odd people out there. I think a country becomes odd in times of crisis. Very decent, very nice people begin behaving oddly when there's immense pressure on them. Germans are human beings—like everyone else. In 1925, they would never have voted for Hitler. A few years later, they did.

**PLAYBOY:** Is that a fair comparison? Germany, at that time, had no republican tradition, whereas America is among the oldest functioning republics in the world.

**KAHANE:** There is no question that America's differences from the Weimar Republic were what kept this country from going down the same road to fascism in the Thirties. But that experience strained our democratic structure to a dangerous degree; don't come to me and say it can't happen here. I never say it's going to happen; I do say it's quite probable. In the Thirties, millions of people were ready to follow anti-Semitic rabble-rousers like Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith and Huey Long who called themselves populists. These people weren't populists because they wanted to give the other guy a break.

they were populists because they wanted a break for *themselves*. And that tradition is far from dead. George Wallace has the kind of charisma that Huey P. Long had. He's not a conservative; he's a populist.

**PLAYBOY:** Are you implying that Wallace is an anti-Semite?

**KAHANE:** Not at all. He's not an anti-Semite. But there is serious anti-Semitism on the periphery of his movement that could break through at any time. You know, I was once involved in a research project investigating the radical right.

**PLAYBOY:** How did that come about?

**KAHANE:** In the early Sixties, a friend and I set up a research institute, our own business. We did a lot of work for the Government—the State Department, the Pentagon. In 1963, we were contacted by one agency that asked whether we'd be interested in researching radical groups, particularly on the right.

**PLAYBOY:** What agency?

**KAHANE:** Well. . .

**PLAYBOY:** Was it the FBI?

**KAHANE:** They'd say it's not true.

**PLAYBOY:** Is it?

**KAHANE:** All right, we were contacted by the FBI to do work on the Birchers. It was no big deal; I mean, I was no FBI agent. We just did contract work for them, and they paid us.

**PLAYBOY:** How did you conduct your investigation?

**KAHANE:** It was my idea that the best way to do a research job on a group was to join it. So I became a member of the Birch Society under the name Michael King.

**PLAYBOY:** That's more or less a translation of your name.

**KAHANE:** Yes. You don't join the Birchers and hope to get anywhere with the name Meir Kahane. I spent about two and a half years with them, and I really learned a lot. But it was difficult on account of my religion. I constantly had to make up reasons why I couldn't attend meetings on Friday nights.

**PLAYBOY:** Did you find that the Birchers were really a serious threat?

**KAHANE:** What bothered me more than anything else was the large number of ostensibly normal people in the society. There's this great liberal arrogance that anybody who's right of center has to be a kook, a nut, an oddball, and it's not true. If it were, I'd feel happier about it. But there was a large number of physicians, attorneys, college graduates, who sat and listened to—and believed—things that were completely absurd about the Communist threat to America. These people were pillars of the community, and it frightened me that such

people were willing to believe such stuff. That's what bothered me more than anything else about the Birchers. Today it's the John Birch Society; tomorrow it will be a worse group.

**PLAYBOY:** You and your organization do have one quality in common with many American conservatives: hawkishness on military issues. Your concern over Israel's security is understandable—doubly so since your wife and four children live there. But you've also supported the war effort in Vietnam. Do you feel that is in some way tied in with Israel's interests?

**KAHANE:** Yes. The Soviets know that the fiasco in Vietnam has so sickened Americans that they won't go to war again. During the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, the Soviets hinted at going in; President Johnson picked up the hotline and said, "You stay out and we'll stay out," and the Russians stayed out, fearing a risk of confrontation. There is no such risk today. The U.S. Army is demoralized and the American people—former hawks as well as doves—say, "No more war adventures."

**PLAYBOY:** Can you seriously ask the support of this country's Jews for a war in Southeast Asia that most of them see as immoral and unjust, simply because of its possible implications in Israel?

**KAHANE:** The war in Vietnam was not an unjust war. I find it incredible that people overlook the horrors in the North. Ho Chi Minh was a mass killer. If there were no Israel, I would still support our effort in Vietnam. In the Thirties, they used to say, "Who wants to die for Danzig?" Nobody died for Danzig; we just gave it up. In the end, millions more died for France and England.

**PLAYBOY:** That sounds like the domino theory.

**KAHANE:** The domino theory shouldn't be discounted. Sure, I would love to see the 80 billion dollars that's set aside for our Armed Forces go into the rebuilding of slums. I'd like to see the two thirds of the Israeli budget that goes for the armed forces be used to rebuild slums. Who wouldn't? But there's a desperate problem here, which overshadows such problems as slums. The views of a George McGovern, who is a very decent, well-meaning person, or of a John Lindsay, who is not a decent human being but a demagog, about diverting our resources and binding up the wounds at home will, if carried to their conclusion, lead to neo-isolationism and doom every small country in the world. I believe we've been fighting in Vietnam to keep the war from coming closer to home. But we should have gotten out a long time ago.

**PLAYBOY:** If you're in favor of the war,

why do you say we should have gotten out a long time ago?

**KAHANE:** What I'm saying is that if a pariah war can be won, and it's necessary for the prevention of aggression, then it should be fought. But from a practical standpoint, I think we should have extricated ourselves from Vietnam long ago, because we could see from the beginning it was a fiasco. The whole thing reminds me of the story of the man who had two wives, one old and one young. The old one, every time she saw a black hair on his head, would pluck it out. And every time the young one saw a gray hair, she would pluck that out. So in the end, he was left bald. That's what the Vietnam war has been—neither a war nor a peace, and we've been left bald.

**PLAYBOY:** Because of your views on the war, and your criticism of "radical chic" and the New Left, you've been characterized as a right-winger. Do you feel that's valid?

**KAHANE:** If people knew my feelings about most domestic issues, they'd be might shocked. I'm a lot more left of center than they are. I believe very strongly in Government intervention in social policy; it's outrageous that we don't have more. But I dislike it heartily when people ask, "Are you a liberal or conservative?" It's about time we stopped being knee-jerk liberals, knee-jerk conservatives or just plain knee-jerk people.

**PLAYBOY:** But aren't you promoting a kind of knee-jerk Jewishness? J.D. seems to see every issue exclusively from a Jewish point of view.

**KAHANE:** Right.

**PLAYBOY:** Well, isn't that knee-jerk Jewishness? Isn't there something odd about your calling on the Jewish people, who have won admiration for their universal outlook, to revert to a kind of tribal separatism?

**KAHANE:** Universality is beautiful, but the question about it. Universality is beautiful when each and every group has deep respect for itself and can deal with other groups on mutually respectful terms. Then we can move together. Isaiah speaks of "the end of days," a time when all the nations will worship together. That's certainly the ultimate goal for Jews. But the prophets also speak of the need for Jews to observe the Sabbath, observe the laws. The way to reach universality is to make of yourself an individual with pride in yourself, then you can extend your hand with confidence to other people and say, "I am what I am and you are what you are. Now, let's walk together to the common end."



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AN OCTOBER TWO, SEVENTY TWO, "NEW YORK TIMES" STORY BY  
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" WHILE THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE HAS SAID IT DEVISED THE PLAN TO SMUGGLE ARMS OVERSEAS FOR A COUNTERTERROR CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARAB GUERRILLAS, RABBI KAHANE HAD DENIED ANY PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT.

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 CLASSIFIED INFORMATION NOTE  
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Subject, International Director of militant Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of Gun Control Act, 1968. He has been residing in Israel since June, 1972, and was scheduled to return to the U.S. on 10/1/72. Kahane was arrested by Israeli authorities in Jerusalem on 10/1/72 on suspicion of being connected with JDL attempts to smuggle weapons out of Israel for use against Arab terrorists. In a United Press International news release on 10/3/72, Kahane claimed U.S. authorities issued warrant for his arrest on his return to the U.S.

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In attached, New York Office reported subject's U.S. probation officer, New York City, advised 10/3/72 no arrest warrant is outstanding for subject's probation violation.

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ON OCTOBER, THREE, SEVENTYTWO, IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION OFFICER, NYC, CAPTIONED SUBJECT'S PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED THERE IS NO WARRANT OUTSTANDING FOR KAHANE AT THIS TIME PERTAINING TO VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION. GOLD ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION OF KAHANE BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES FOR ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN PLOT TO SHIP ARMS TO TERRORISTS THROUGHOUT WORLD.

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TO: LEGAT, TEL AVIV

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

MEIR D. BAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE  
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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED IT LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY SUBJECT  
IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE U.S. ON OCTOBER TWO, NINETEEN  
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Subject is the International Director of the  
militant JDL, who has been residing in Israel since June,  
1972. We have been following subject's activities and  
travels because of his history of fomenting violence and  
because of the deep interest in him expressed by high-level  
members of the Executive Branch of Government. Upon  
subject's arrival in the U.S., New York, which is Office  
of Origin, will, through established sources, follow  
subject's activities and itinerary so that the Bureau will  
be aware of subject's day-to-day activities.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR NR. 196

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

RABBI MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

RE TEL AVIV CABLE, OCTOBER ONE, SEVENTYTWO.

OCTOBER TWO, SEVENTYTWO, EDITION OF "MAARIV", LOCAL  
HEBREW LANGUAGE PAPER, INDICATES IN INTERVIEW SUBJECT  
AFFORDED MAGAZINE PLAYBOY, HE CLAIMED OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD TO  
HAVE OBTAINED INFORMATION RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ON BEHALF OF FBI.

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# Israelis Set To Charge JDL Leader

TEL AVIV (UPI) — Police said yesterday they have enough evidence against Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League, to file charges accusing him of trying to smuggle weapons abroad for attacking Arab guerrillas.

The results of the two-week investigation have been turned over to the state's attorney, the police said, and Kahane probably will be released on bail Friday after being charged. He has been in jail since Sunday.

A magistrate gave police permission yesterday to hold the 41-year-old founder of the league for four more days of questioning about the thwarted attempt to send grenades, rifles and submarine guns to Europe last month following attacks against Israelis there.

Police said they have new evidence about the smuggling attempt and doubt the claim of the JDL that other shipments went out of Lod International Airport and reached their destinations.

Kahane and two other suspects in the case were still in jail while three others have been released on bail after being charged with conspiracy. Bail ranged from \$9,500 for two of the men to \$476 for the third.

At least four of the suspects are JDL members or officials. One of the others is industrialist Amihai Pagan, a former member of the Jewish underground organization that carried out sabotage attacks against the British mandate authorities in the 1940s.

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By Yural Elizar

Special to The Washington Post

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5—Judging by the press, it appears that public opinion here has turned against Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League.

His detention on suspicion for conspiring to smuggle arms from Israel was extended for a second period of four days today by a Tel Aviv judge.

Kahane never had many followers here. He claims to have 800 JDL members in Israel, but press reports put the number at less than half that figure.

In recent days, support has dwindled even further as several letters to the editor expressed it, many Israelis asking "Why doesn't he go back to Brooklyn."

Interestingly enough, Amichai Paglin, the pre-independence

underground hero arrested two weeks ago in connection with the same arms shipment intercepted by the police, received completely different treatment from the Israeli public.

Many here breathed a sigh of relief today when he was finally released on bail. Even Paglin's lawyer, Parliament member Shmuel Iamir, made snide remarks against the JDL, its leader and alleged police protection he is getting while trying to obtain the release of his client.

Two years ago, when the 42-year old rabbi came here from New York, he was greeted by many Israelis who felt that the daring young man with the shiny eyes did more on behalf of Soviet Jewry than the whole American Jewish Establishment. His commitment to settle in Israel also won him considerable sympathy.

Although most Israelis failed to see the need for setting up in a Jewish state a branch of an organization devoted to defending Jews, many felt that a louder voice of protest over the treatment of Soviet Jews could be a positive new factor.

While almost all Israel JDL members were American students and a few Russian immigrants, they soon found

Israeli allies. These supporters were a group of extremists called "Dov," which undertook to "put down traitors and defeatists."

Questions marks about JDL policies soon began to appear, however. One of the first activities of the league was a demonstration at the Nablus Gate of the Wall of the Old City of Jerusalem. It was a small demonstration called to

"warn Arabs not to attack Jews." It was broken up by Israeli police.

Since then Kahane and his followers have threatened to bring to trial the Arab mayor of Hebron, Muhammad Ali Jabari, "for his part in the massacre of Jews in his town in 1929 and 1948." One of the reasons this "trial" never took place was because several organizations refused to rent their halls to the league for this purpose.

Kahane's attempt to whip up sympathy in Israel by declaring a private war against Arab terrorists abroad also failed. Until he was arrested on Sunday, just before he was about to board a plane for the United States, many here asked: "Why is he still free while others involved in the same case have been arrested?"

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TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV

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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE  
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RADIO NEWSCASTS, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER SIX, INSTANT, REPORT  
KAHANE RELEASED EQUIVALENT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND, OCTOBER SIX,  
INSTANT, IN ISRAEL. NO FORMAL CHARGES FILED. KAHANE'S PASSPORT  
SEIZED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT HIS DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL.

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NOTE:

Kahane is leader of JDL and currently under prosecutive  
procedures in Israel. Probation officer, New York, desires any  
information which can be used to revoke subject's probation.

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RADIO NEWSCASTS IN NYC, OCTOBER FOUR, SEVENTYTWO,  
INDICATE THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO FILE FORMAL  
CHARGES AGAINST CAPTIONED SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PARTICIPATION  
IN PLOT TO SMUGGLE ARMS OUT OF ISRAEL.

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT TEL AVIV  
RE: MEIR D. KAHANE

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NOTE:

Subject, International Director, Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. Kahane has been visiting Israel since June, 1972, and was scheduled to return to the U. S. on 10/1/72. However, he was arrested by Israeli police in Jerusalem on 10/1/72 in connection with a JDL effort to ship weapons from Israel to the U. S. and European cities. On 10/3/72 U. S. Probation Office, New York City, advised there is no warrant outstanding for Kahane in connection with a probation violation. Subject's probation officer advised that in the event Kahane is formally arrested by Israeli authorities and charged with any matter relating to guns or explosives, a U. S. District Judge would be furnished this information so that consideration could be given to obtaining a warrant for subject's arrest for violating the terms of his probation. We have been closely following subject's travels and activities and have been disseminating to interested agencies the information developed concerning his involvement in terroristic actions.

*Rel per  
Parker (Lynn)*

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-102100)(P)

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**MEIR D. KAHANE, aka**  
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**JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE**  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies (one for Legat, Tel Aviv), and New York two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Also enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy each of current photo of subject.

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 Enclosed LHM furnished for information as received from U. S. Passport Office on 10/6/72, by SA [REDACTED]

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October 11, 1972

MEIR D. KAHANE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY

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On October 6, 1972, United States Government records revealed that captioned subject, Jewish Defense League founder, had been issued passport Z-1595113 at the American Consulate at Jerusalem on July 14, 1972. He listed his permanent address as Kiryat Itri, Jerusalem.

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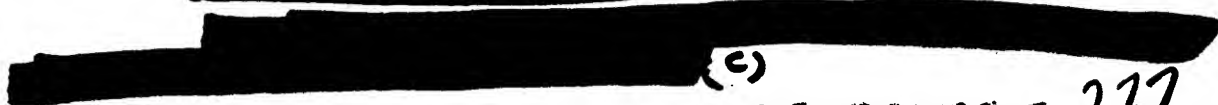
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TO: Acting Director, FBI (105-207795)

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL

ON OCTOBER TWELVE, SEVENTYTWO, A NEWSCAST  
IN NEW YORK CITY STATED THAT MEIR KAHANE'S PASSPORT  
HAS BEEN RETURNED TO HIM BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER,  
THE GOVERNMENT MADE HIM STIPULATE THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN  
TO THE UNITED STATES UNTIL HE APPEARS AT A HEARING  
CONCERNING THE SMUGGLING OF ARMS FROM ISRAEL, WHICH IS  
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, SEVENTYTWO.  
ALSO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN OF HIS PASSPORT, HIS BOND  
HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TWENTY  
THOUSAND DOLLARS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO,

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCES IN THOSE CITIES  
FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES DUE IN  
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, SEVENTYTWO.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR NR207

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

RE TEL AVIV CABLE, OCTOBER NINE, LAST.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767)

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FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795) - 280

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE.

b1 [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted] (s)

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE:

Subject, International Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), was arrested on 10/1/72 by the Israeli National Police in Jerusalem regarding his possible participation in a JDL plot to smuggle weapons out of Israel and into the U.S. and Europe. Subject had been scheduled to return to the U.S. on 10/1/72. We have been following subject's activities and travels closely in view of his history of fomenting violence. Information regarding subject's activities has been disseminated to all interested agencies.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (105-207795)

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LOS ANGELES (105-29629)

NEW YORK (157-5767)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (105-26688)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NT - JDL.

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ON INSTANT DATE, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT DUE TO KAHANE'S RECENT  
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HIM IN ISRAEL, A MR. ELI SCHWARTZ,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL), NATIONAL  
LEVEL, FROM NEW YORK CITY, WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR KAHANE IN SPEAKING  
TOUR AT SAN FRANCISCO.

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST,  
AND NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED OCTOBER SIX, LAST.

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SOURCE UTILIZED ABOVE IS [REDACTED]  
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NLOS ANGELES WILL ALERT APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO DETERMINE  
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SAN FRANCISCO WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE ABOVE.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File No: 105-207795  
See also: 62-115019

Date: 10/20/72

Subject: Meir David Kahane

Date Searched: 10/5/72

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2: u

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source. u

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Meir David Kahane can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

JDL.....Jewish Defense League

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b7c [REDACTED] A list of telephone calls billed to [REDACTED] during his stay [REDACTED] disclosed that on 6/26/55 he had called DE9-7654 subscribed to by [REDACTED] It was also learned that Martin Kahane resided at this address in 1954.

105-31942-120 ep.38  
(28)

This reference is a letter dated 4/25/68, postmarked Long Island City, NY, and signed by ten individuals, who showed concern regarding communist influence. Enclosed with this letter were pages 40 and 41 of the 4/19/68 edition of the "Jewish Press", which carried an article entitled "Communism at Home and Abroad" authored by Meir Kahane. This article discussed public source information relating to the pro-Chicom Progressive Labor Party and its influence on the black liberation movement as well as its line as relates to Vietnam.

105-174254-50 p.2 yellow copy and ep.1  
(11)

b7c This reference is a copy of a letter dated 4/30/69 from [REDACTED] to Honorable Charles McMathis, United States Senate, WDC, 20510 that enclosed an article by Meir Kahane which appeared in the 4/25/69 issue of the "Jewish Press". This article captioned, "The Face of Fascism" pertained to the disruptive activities of student extremists at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

62-112228-1-56 p.1;ep.1  
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On 6/9/71, the records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York State Court, NYC, revealed that consent was given on 7/15/69, to the filing of Jewish Operation Youth, Inc., (105-213504) as a membership corporation. Meir Kahane was listed as one of the Directors or Trustees. Pertinent portions of the records previously mentioned set out.

105-213504-2 ep.1,5  
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b1 The 9/15/69 edition of "Action", published weekly by Action Arabic-English Newspaper, Inc., NYC, carried an article concerning a 8/29/69 raid on the New York Office of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) [REDACTED] An excerpt from this article reported that Rabbi Meir Kahane, an editor of the pro-Israeli Jewish Press and a founder and leader of the JDL, a vigilante group, appearing on Channel 5 WNEW-TV, stated that the JDL not only assumed responsibility for the raid but that it was direct retaliation for the commandeering of the TWA aircraft by the Popular Front for The Liberation of Palestine (which took place 8/29/69) and the commencement of an all-out campaign against Arab organizations in the US.

b1 [REDACTED] (c)

The Philadelphia Office advised that the Jewish Defense League-Philadelphia (105-208918) first became active on 9/23/69 when Rabbi Meir Kahane of the NY JDL appeared as a guest speaker at the YMHA\*, Philadelphia. Kahane indicated that the JDL had been in existence since 9/30/68. When questioned as to the difference between the JDL and other militant organizations, he stated that the JDL did not advocate hate or violence.

105-208918-5 p.1  
(14)

\* Possibly Young Men's Hebrew Association

The following references in the file captioned, "George Pompidou", President of the Republic of France, pertain to the visit of His Excellency to the US, 2/23/70 to 3/3/70, and set out information concerning the activities of Meir David Kahane relative to this visit. On 2/24/70, members of the JDL, Brooklyn, NY, and their leader, Kahane, were arrested in the area of the National Press Building, WDC, while protesting Pompidou's visit. The original charge was listed as disorderly conduct and breach of the peace, and the final disposition was shown as having forfeited \$10.00 collateral. It was reported that the juveniles arrested were released in care of Kahane for return to Queens, NY.

#### REFERENCE

105-201856-41 p.1-4  
-70 p.3  
-94 ep.1

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This reference is a copy of a publication dated 3/1/70, Vol.1 No.5, entitled "Spotlight On Extremism", published twice monthly by Meir Kahane, 1182 Broadway, NYC, 10001. (Source not indicated.)

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[REDACTED] SA's of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division in NYC, that in mid-April, 1970, he had contacted Myer Kahane regarding the arrest of [REDACTED] in connection with an act of violence by members of the JDL against a German who was harassing a Jewish family in Philadelphia, Pa.

105-214705-2 p.4  
(31)

\* JDL member

The 6/25/70 issue of the "New York Times" reported that Meier Kahane of the JDL had charged that the US Department of State and Soviet representatives had acted in collusion to promote more severe charges against members of the JDL who had been arrested.

61-5381-5227 p.3  
(30)

Correlator's Note: Serial 5229 of this file disclosed that on 6/23/70 demonstrators carrying placards bearing the inscription of the JDL conducted a raid against the offices of the Amtorg Trading Corporation [61-5381-5227] in NYC. A number of these demonstrators reportedly had been arrested by the NYC, PD.

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On 10/28/70, a source\*, of known reliability, advised that during the summer of 1970, [REDACTED] speaking engagement in St. Louis, Mo., of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

105-210855-2 p.1;ep.1  
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The Naval Intelligence Service made available a copy of their report concerning [REDACTED] (105-212408). Included with this report was a statement prepared by [REDACTED] concerning his involvement with the JDL in Philadelphia, Pa. According to [REDACTED] during September, 1970, Meir Kahane wanted the Philadelphia chapter of the JDL to picket a Black Panther Party convention which was being held in Philadelphia at that time. The local chapter feared this would lead to violence and refused to participate. In a side comment Kahane said that a martyr was needed. [REDACTED] stated he thought this was uncalled for. [REDACTED] further stated that in his opinion, Kahane had made a lot of money because of his association with the JDL.

105-212408-7 ep.1-3  
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In the 9/28/70 edition of the "Cleveland Press", a Cleveland Daily newspaper, there appeared an article captioned "Don't Try to Perform Here, Russian Artists Warned". This article disclosed that Meir Kahane of NYC, had spoken at Wiley Junior High School in Cleveland to gain support for the JDL from the Cleveland Jewish Community. (Date not set out.)

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b7c [REDACTED] advised that on 10/14/70 Meir Kahane had driven [REDACTED] (ph) to the airport\*.

This same source advised that on 10/14/70 [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] made inquiries at American Airlines regarding a flight to Detroit.

105-208712-2 p.1  
(12)

\* Probably airport in NYC area.

b7x [redacted] Queens, NY, on 11/19/70 advised that her son, [redacted] and had been taught by Meir Kahane, who was head of the JDL. It was upon her advice that her son joined the JDL.

105-208753-2 p.2

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SI 105-208753-4 p.2

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SI 105-208729-2 p.2

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b7x The NYC, PD advised that on 11/23/70 [redacted] caused her car to strike a police barricade in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in NYC. Six policemen were injured and [redacted] was arrested. Meir Kahane was in the vicinity of this incident but did not attempt to interject himself into the situation.

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105-208712-5 p.2,4

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b7D On 12/4/70, [redacted] advised that [redacted] and was unable to develop any information relative to the bombing of Aeroflot Office, 45 East 49th St., NYC on 11/25/70 (174-1661). From past experience [redacted] concluded that if NY members of the JDL were involved, Meir Kahane [redacted] both would be knowledgeable and in all probability would have planned such an activity.

174-1661-8 p.1

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SI 174-1661-12 p.6

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b7x The following references in the file captioned "Jewish Defense League-St. Louis Chapter" reported information of organizational efforts by a group to form a JDL chapter in St. Louis, Missouri. During the summer of 1970 a meeting was held at the Jewish Community Center Association in order to gather interest among St. Louis residents for the JDL. The featured speaker was Meir Kahane, who devoted his speech to the history of the Jew in modern times, and he also discussed the philosophy of the JDL. [redacted]

Approximately January, 1971,

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b7c [REDACTED] that Kahane, a "con man", was using the JDL to get together sufficient funds to get him (Kahane) and his family to Israel where they could live in style.

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105-209614-2 ep.1,3  
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b7c b2 [REDACTED] at the JDL Headquarters in NYC. in this capacity [REDACTED] for Meir Kahane.

b2 b7c b7D [REDACTED], on 1/10/71 advised that [REDACTED] had been in the area of the Soviet Mission to the UN, NYC, with Meir Kahane and was also on television with Kahane during an interview in connection with the harassment of the Russians at the Soviet Mission.

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105-208755-4 p.2,3  
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105-208755-8 ep.1  
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This reference is a verbatim transcript of the television program "The Today Show" shown on the National Broadcasting Company network, 1/13/71. This narration contains comments made by one Paul Mayer to Frank Blair, moderator of the program. Included were comments concerning Meir Kahane's activities in connection with the JDL's campaign of harassment against Soviet diplomats. Also included were remarks that had been made by Kahane relative to the goals of the League.

100-460495-1039 ep.5,6  
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b7c [redacted] advised that Meir D. Kahane, who had returned from a trip to Israel, arranged to meet with [redacted] and others on 1/8/70\*\* in Manhattan, NY.

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b7d On 1/15/71, [redacted] stated that he considered [redacted] in the JDL, behind Kahane.

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105-207794-6 p.B,2-4  
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SI Paragraph 2  
105-207794-10 ep.1  
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\*\* Should be 1/8/71

b7c On 1/15/71, [redacted] believed that Meir Kahane was using the JDL to promote his personal ambition to eventually become the Prime Minister of Israel. Because of Kahane's tactics, the JDL had become counter-productive in protecting the rights of the Jewish people in the US.

105-208453-3 p.1  
(12)

News media in the United States announced the intent of Meir D. Kahane to travel to Israel in September, 1971, where he planned to take up residency and head an organization known as the World Jewish Defense League (105-210896). In commenting on his forthcoming position as head of the above organization, Kahane noted that the JDL had chapters in England along with other foreign countries and he expected the formation of other groups in South America and Israel. (Bureau letter to Legat, London 1/19/71)

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On 10/22/70, the NYC, PD advised that they had conducted a raid at an apartment located at 4702 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. In the apartment was found a quantity of firearms which were subsequently traced by this PD to the JDL. It was determined that the guns were legally purchased by Meir Kahane in conjunction with a camp operated by the JDL which was located near Liberty, NY. Also located in the apartment was a slip of paper bearing the names [REDACTED] (105-209092) and others.

b7c On 10/27/70, [REDACTED] reviewed the passport photograph of [REDACTED], and identified it as being identical [REDACTED]

On 1/29/71, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] Kahane in an effort to determine the whereabouts [REDACTED] Kahane advised that [REDACTED] was in Israel [REDACTED] and would have to [REDACTED] Kahane replied that a passport had been obtained. With reference to Kahane, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] indicated that Kahane had visited her when he was in Israel shortly after New Year's, 1971.

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105-209092-11 p.2,8,9

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[REDACTED] advised that on 3/12/71, [REDACTED] (believed identical with [REDACTED] of the NY office of the JDL) contacted [REDACTED] to inform him that Meir Kahane wanted [REDACTED] to get them a mobile home to be used for travel to WDC..

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The 4/1/71 issue of the "Daily News"\* reported that the trial of Rabbi Meir Kahane and his co-defendants, David Levine and Abraham Muallem, ended in a hung jury.

The 4/1/71 issue of the "New York Times" reported that Criminal Court Judge Jerome Kidder dismissed the six jurors and set 4/26/71 for a new trial.

The charges in this case were criminal conspiracy, harassment, criminal mischief and criminal trespass against Soviet establishments in NYC.

100-183386-3133 ep.1  
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\* Probably NYC

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b7D [redacted] advised that on 3/31/71, [redacted] was on hand with several members of the JDL to greet Meir Kahana upon his arrival at Los Angeles, Calif.

On 4/1/71 [redacted] attended a meeting at the Temple Akiba, Culver City, Calif., at which Kahana was the main speaker.

105-217909-1

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SI 105-217909-2 p.1,2

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97-5106-68 ep.2,3

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SI 97-5106-69 ep.4

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b7D

b7C [redacted] on 2/24/71, advised that [redacted] and Meir Kahane discussed a sit-in in which [redacted] participated, held at the Jewish Conference Office, NYC.

NYC PD advised that Meir Kahane participated in a demonstration and rally on behalf of Iraqi Jewry, held in front of the Iraqi Mission to the UN on 4/20/71.

105-216968-6 p.2

(16)

b2  
b7C [redacted] advised that on 4/26/71, one [redacted] (phonetic) of Providence, RI, contacted the JDL office in NYC and asked for [redacted] then had an unknown male speak with [redacted] who advised the unknown male that "they" made a "deal" with the DA, pleaded guilty to a violation, not a crime.

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b7c [redacted] indicated he was "off the hook". The unknown male told [redacted] to get "the stuff from Federation". [redacted] told him that Reverend (phonetic-possibly referring to Rabbi Meir Kahane) told "them" to "take over an office" in Pawtucket and [redacted] was trying to get information on it. [redacted] said it had something to do with SATRA (possibly referring to SATRA Trading Co. which has been picketed by the JDL in NYC for having dealings with Russia).

105-213517-1  
(16)

b2 On 4/27/71, [redacted] advised that Meir Kahane wanted [redacted] to give an adult seminar on this date at the ID Center\*, NYC; [redacted] agreed to do so.

105-208815-5  
(14)

\* Not identified

b7c On 4/28/71, [redacted] NY, furnished information pertaining to JDL activities in Far Rockaway. She stated that most of the students at Queens Yeshiva Parochial High School had participated in JDL demonstrations sponsored by Mier Kahane; Far Rockaway was a predominantly Jewish community and that at the outset of the organization of the JDL Kahane was warmly greeted by the community. She stated that like most Jewish families the [redacted] family was sympathetic with the worthwhile aims of the JDL; however, it had become clear to the majority that Kahane was using the JDL to promote his own image which had become somewhat tarnished due to his arrests and convictions resulting from JDL activities.

105-208868-3 p.1,2  
(32)

b2 b7D b7c [redacted] advised that [redacted] expected to meet with Meir Kahane, National Chairman of the JDL\*, on 4/23/71.

According to the above informant [redacted] attempted unsuccessfully to contact Kahane on 5/6/71.

105-212690-3 p.2,3  
(16)

\*NYC

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b7c  
per USSJ

On 6/25/71, Meir Kahane held a news conference in front of the Russian Embassy, WDC. [REDACTED] was among those arrested for failure to disperse to an area 500 feet from the Embassy. (Source not clear, probably Metropolitan Police Department, WDC.)

105-222173-2 ep.1  
(17)

The following references in the file captioned "Student Activists for Soviet Jewry", pertain to the activities of Meir Kahane from 6/23-6/27/71 in WDC, in connection with JDL demonstrations in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy. Those participating, including Kahane, were arrested and charged with demonstrating within 500 ft. of a foreign mission.

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105-211738-16 p.4-6  
-19 p.1-3  
-20 p.1-3,5,6  
-25 ep.2,3

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The State Department advised that the second trial of Meir Kahane and two others on charges of criminal trespass, criminal mischief and harassment in an incident on 12/29/69, at Tass News Agency (100-183386) NYC, ended for the second time in a deadlocked hung jury\*. Start of third trial was set for 6/28/71.

100-183386-3142 p.1  
(10)

\* Approximately 5/1/71

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[REDACTED]

It was noted that [REDACTED] mentioned above was possibly identical to [REDACTED].

105-213710-2  
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[redacted] advised that on 1/14/71 [redacted],  
[redacted] tendered his letter  
of resignation to the Jewish Defense League-Boston [redacted]  
basing his resignation on the lack of condemnation of JDL activities  
on the part of Meir Kahane in NY.

This same source advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] and the source believed  
that he might be going there to serve as an aide to Kahane, who was  
expected to go to Israel during the summer, 1971 and assume leadership  
of the international organization of the JDL.

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105-209858-6 p.5,9  
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The 10/22/71 issue of the "New York Times" carried an  
article captioned, "Rifle Fired at Soviet Mission Sold on L.I.",  
by Joseph Lelyveld, which pertained to the firing of shots into an  
apartment window of the Soviet Mission to the UN in NYC. The chief  
Soviet representative to the UN attributed this attack to the JDL.  
Meir Kahane answered for the JDL at a news conference at the group's  
headquarters in Brooklyn. He condemned the shooting and denied that  
his organization had anything to do with it. Excerpts from Kahane's  
statement set out.

62-77787-240-A "New York Times"  
(15) 10/22/71

b2  
b7D  
[redacted] on 11/12/71 advised that it was believed  
retaliation against [redacted]  
[redacted] would occur at NYC against UN personnel.  
This action would be carried out by the JDL either under the direct

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b7D or indirect action of Meir Kahane. This retaliation would probably take place before [REDACTED]

105-218405-5 ep.1

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b7C [REDACTED] City of New York [REDACTED] provided the court minutes of the JDL court case held on 10/28/70 in NYC, by the people in the State of NY against Meir Kahane, David Levine and Abe Mullaen for their participation in harassment at the Tass News Agency in NYC, on 12/29/69. Kahane had been excused from the hearing. Recommendations from the hearing included a jury trial for all defendants scheduled for 11/30/71, and continued parole for Kahane. In response to questioning regarding these incidents involving the JDL, Kahane was identified as a participant by the witnesses.

Copy of hearing attached  
105-185096-154 p.5,7,8,23,24,26,27,30,  
(11) 32,37,38,42,44,48

b1 [REDACTED] (6)  
German language copy of letter attached  
100-333702-138 p.2  
(11)

b7C b2 b7D On 12/22/71, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was associated with a group that he recalled in the past as having sponsored the appearance of Rabbi Kahane at the local Temple\*. Informant stated that this was a "one shot" activity on the part of those involved with Kahane's appearance.

105-212537-4  
(27)

\* Possibly in Newark, NJ

[REDACTED] (c)

[REDACTED] (c)

105-221286-6 p.2-4  
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SI 105-221286-4 p.1  
(33)

[REDACTED] (Date not given.) New York letter 1/31/72. (c)

105-221606-1 p.1;ep.2  
(17)

The following references pertain to interviews of the individuals listed below regarding their knowledge of or activities in the JDL as well as their acquaintance with Meir Kahane, National Director of the JDL. They readily admitted knowing Kahane and participating in JDL activities from 1968 to early, 1972 in Florida, New York, Pennsylvania.

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[REDACTED]	105-221307-5 p.2,5 -6 p.2,5	(17) (17)
[REDACTED]	105-208801-6 p.2,3	(17)
[REDACTED]	105-211819-10 p.8	(16)

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[REDACTED]

105-209092-45

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\* Involved in JDL activity in US and Israel.

Information set out disclosed that approximately 3/30/71

[REDACTED]  
of the JDL in Los Angeles, California, and was in almost daily contact with Meir Kahane, in NYC, during the period 3/30/71-5/4/71. On 3/31/71, [REDACTED] was present with a JDL contingent that met Kahane upon his arrival at Los Angeles International Airport. Kahane held a news conference at the airport in which he stated he was in Los Angeles to conduct a series of speeches to explain the goals of the JDL. On 4/1/71, Kahane spoke in Van Nuys, California. [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] Approximately 2/9/72, the Los Angeles County Probation Office received a letter from Kahane in which he recommended [REDACTED]. Approximately 6/1/71, [REDACTED] member of the JDL, reported that she had been in telephonic contact with Kahane in NYC regarding the participation of female members in the activities and the leadership of the JDL in the Los Angeles area. Kahane informed her he was interested in having women play a significant role in furthering the goals of the JDL.

100-470305-1 p.1a,8,9,12

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b2  
b7D [REDACTED] advised that the first time that the Palestine Solidarity Committee (105-204933) came to his attention was during the appearance of Meir Kahane at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, in March, 1972. As a result of the appearance of Kahane friction developed between the Arab and Jewish students at the University.

105-204933-13 p.1

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67c On 4/21/72, [REDACTED] advised that he had never been a JDL member and his only association with this group was indirect in that he once had Meir Kahane as a high school instructor\*.

105-208704-5 p.1  
(12)

\* Probably NYC area.

The following references in the file captioned "Jewish Defense League", pertain to the activities and contacts of Meir Kahane in connection with his duties as Director of the JDL, from September, 1968 to 5/4/72, in Canada, Europe, Israel and the United States. The JDL was formed in September, 1968 by Kahane, the main headquarters being located in NYC. It was a militant organization which claimed it was formed to protect Jews from those who threatened them in any way. Under the direction of Kahane, the JDL was involved in anti-Arab, anti-Soviet and pro-Israel actions. Kahane participated in numerous JDL demonstrations, which included picketing of various embassies and attacks against members of foreign diplomatic installations opposed to Israel and Jewish interests. Many of these demonstrations resulted in violence and a number of those participating, including Kahane, were arrested. Kahane worked closely with Joseph Colombo, New York hoodlum, in obtaining bail money for arrested JDL members. Kahane's travels and speaking engagements in the US and abroad also set out.

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*See per  
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A State Department Communication set forth the details of an attempt by Meir Kahane and members of the JDL to call on the Mayor of Hebron\*, Sheikh Ja'abari, on 8/27/72, to obtain the Mayor's views on his participation in the Hebron riots of 1929 and the slaughter at Gush Etzion\*\* in 1948. They failed to see the Mayor and dispersed without incident.

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